In today's Jordan Times...

- King confident on Arabsat; Page 2
- Spring Festival opening: Page 3
- Handling the grain barons: Page 4 Begin challenged from the right: Page 13
- Reagan's warning on economy: Page 14 • 'Ripper' suspect pleads guilty: Page 16



Today's Weather

It will . continue fair, with low clouds in the early morning. Winds will be northwesterly moderate, freshening at times. In Aqaba, it will be dusty, with northerly moderate winds and calm

Overnight High 20

Wednesday's high temperatures: Amman 21, Agaba 32. Sunset Thursday: 6:17 p.m. Sunrise Friday: 4:49 a.m. Sunset Friday: 6:18 p.m. Sunrise Saturday: 4:48 a.m.

Volume 6, Number 1645

AMMAN, THURSDAY-FRIDAY APRIL 30-MAY 1, 1981 — JUMADA AL THANI 26-27, 1401

Syria shifts SAM missiles to Lebanon

BEIRUT, April 29 (Agencies) — Syria moved sophisticated Soviet-made SAM anti-aircraft missiles into east Lebanon, eyewitnesses reported today, the day after Israeli jets shot down two Syrian helicopters in the same area.

iets blasted Palestinian positions in south Lebanon. Elsewhere, an undeclared ceasefire prevailed along Syrian-rightist Lebanese battlefronts.

The deployment of the SAM-6 missiles was seen as a serious, though defensive, development that might bring closer a feared Syrian-Israeli confrontation

Mr. Robert Fisk, a correspondent of the London Times, said he saw four vehicles, each equipped with three SAM-6 missiles. deployed in a field about five kilometres south of the Rayak air base in the middle of east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, where the two Syrian helicopters were dow-Two Syrian helicopters stood in

Occupation taxes attacked

AMMAN, April 29 (J.T.) - A Palestinian human rights group today condemned Israel's "fascist measures, whether they are covert for methodically organised" in imposing taxes on people in the occupied Arab territories.

In a letter to the United Nations International Development Association (IDA), the Beirut-based Committee for the Defence of Palestinian Human Rights under Israeli Occupation said new taxes imposed by the Israeli military authorities in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip constitute "a new method of pressure and repression which the occupation authorities exercise against the Palestinians with the aim of forcing them out of their homeland under

the guise of legal formalities." The Israeli military authorities' fascist measures, whether they are covert or methodically organised, aim at weakening the steadfastness of the Palestinian people, the fragmentation of their

(Continued on page 8)

The Syrian move came as Israeli another field, but travellers did not see any helicopters flying. The declared aim of Israel's intervention vesterday was to stop Syrian helicopter attacks which were threatening to drive the right-wing Falangist Party forces from key mountain peaks near the besieged city of Zahle.

> The transfer of such missiles into eastern Lebanon would present an "worrisome situation," an Israeli military source said today.

Earlier today Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin met with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis in occupied Jerusalem to discuss the Lebanese conflict.

Mr. Lewis did not criticise the direct Israeli intervention on behalf of Lebanese rightists, Israel Radio reported. But U.S. officials said the ambassador expressed the "serious concern Washington has about recent military actions in Lebanon.'

Mr. Begin and his top ministers had resolved that "Israel will not draw back from a confrontation with Syria" in Lebanon.

Meanwhile, Syrian and Lebanese leaders today met leftist politicians in a second day of peace

In Beirut, President Elias Sarkis and visiting Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam received Lebanese leftist leaders to hear their views on how to achieve peace. Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan and Foreign Minister Fuad Butros also attended the talks.

Today's callers at the presidential palace included Mr. Nabih Birri, leader of the Shi ite Muslim paramilitary organisation Amal, and Mr. Walid Junblatt, head of the National Movement.

Similar meetings were held yesterday with rightist leaders and a team of four former prime ministers, all of whom aired some optimism about prospects of success.



His Majesty Ving Hussein addresses the Arab conference on mineral resources at the Amman Holiday Inn on Wednesday.

Denies-green light' for Israeli raids

U.S. seeks Moscow's help to cool off Lebanon crisis

WASHINGTON, April 29 (A.P.) The Reagan administration The state radio reported that appealed to the Soviet Union today to help bring peace to Lebanon, where the situation was described by Secretary of State Alexander Haig as "very worrisome."

He said the United States is engaged in "extensive diplomatic activity" aimed at ending the fighting that has grown worse in rec-

He said the United States is seeking Soviet cooperation because the Kremlin has "special influence in one of the capitals of the region." an obvious reference to Syria, whose troops are involved in the fighting.

Meanwhile, the State Department said it has "not given a green light" to Israel to take any military actions in Lebanon, where Israeli planes have gone to the support of embattled rightwing forces.

Spokesman Dean Fischer also disclosed that Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin was summoned to the State Department on Monday and that the fighting in Lebanon was discussed. Mr. Fischer offered no details. Israeli aircraft shot down two Syrian helicopters yesterday and attacked Palestinian positions in central Lebanon today. Mr. Fischer said these attacks are "among

While Mr. Fischer declined to condemn the Israeli air attacks specifically, he seemed eager to make clear they are not sanctioned by the United States.

recent dangerous events" in Leb-

"We want to make it fully clear that the United States has not given a green light to Israel to undertake any military actions in Lebanon," he said.

Mr. Fischer declined to comment on Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's statements that the United States had joined Israel in demanding that Syrian forces withdraw from newly attained positions in the Lebanese

Hussein's firm warning on Med-Dead Canal plan

Price: Jordan 100 fils; Syria 1 pound; Lebanon 1 pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams; Great Britain 25 pence

AMMAN, April 29 (Petra) - across the occupied Gaza Strip "grave consequences inherent in the Dead Sea." Israel's plans to construct a canal

Jordan today warned of the linking the Mediterranean and

fourth Arab conference on mineral resources here, His Majesty King Hussein said that "Israel's plans constitute a new act of aggression that threatens security and peace in the Arab region and would harm Arab and Jordanian economies and development pro-

King Hussein called for the assistance of Arab and world powers to prevent Israel "from pushing ahead with its plans in blatant defiance of the Geneva Convention and international laws and pri-

The Israeli government last month approved the canal, which will run by pipeline under the Gaza Strip and the Nagab Desert. The sea water would then be chanelled under the Judean mountains and plummet to the Dead Sea, powering a 600-megawatt hydroelectric power station.

"The Dead Sea," the King said, "partly falls under Jordanian sovereignty and the Israeli plan to link the waters of both seas would seriously harm Jordan's economy. Therefore, Jordan will seek to prevent its implementation before the Israelis present the world with a de facto situation as usual."

King Hussein said, "The new Israeli plan manifests Israel's insistence on defying international

Addressing the opening of the law, its rejection of the values of right and a declaration of war on peace and justice, resembling in its seriousness Israel's diversion of the Jordan River waters to the Naqab region in southern Palestine, which was a clear indication of Israel's intention to perpetuate its usurpation of Arab territory with total disregard to the Jordan River's historical background and sanctity," King Hussein said.

> King Hussein said that the Arab World is rich with mineral resources, "making it the focus of ambition of imperialist nations which succeeded in dominating the region in view of the weakness and backwardness of its countries and the disunity of its people."

"No doubt, he said, "the new Zionist designs will be doomed to failure and meet the same fate of the imperialist invasions of the

King Hussein called on the conferees to find means of exploiting the mineral resources scattered all over the Arab World and to establish powerful Arab industries which will strengthen the Arab

"In Jordan we have multiplied our production of phosphates several times over the past few years and recent prospecting has revealed the presence of astronomical reserves of the mineral which would enable us to again double our production in the coming years." King Hussein said.

"In this respect, Jordan is cooperating with Morocco and other Arab phosphate-producing countries and is benefiting from loans extended to us from Arab development funds and funar titutions." King Hussein exp-

He advised his audience that mining projects in any Arab country should become an integral part of a comprehensive plan to boost Arab economic integration.

Also, he said, the exploitation of mineral resources requires the adoption of scientific and technological methods on a very wide scale. Energy is of paramount importance for Arab industry, the King said, and therefore it should be ensured at reasonable prices. Arab states should seriously consider alternative sources of energy like shale, natural gas, coal, and sola- and nuclear power.

The Arab individual is the major factor in development, the King emphasised, and in carrying out industrial and mining projects. this individual should be able to benefit from the fruits of progress and get public services and a decent living. .

At the outset of the session, the vice president of the Natural Resources Authority (NRA) Mr. Ahmad Dakhqan, thanked King Hussein for patronising the conference and underlining the importance of its goal: a pan-Arab strategy for developing the Arab World's mineral resources.

He called on Arab states to establish a specialised organisation to conduct technical studies and work out programmes for mining projects.

The opening session was att-ended by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, the chief of the Hashemite royal court, cabinet members, senior government officials and Arab ambassador in Amman.

The conference later elected Mr. Dakhqan as president and the Sudanese minister of energy and minerals, Sharif Tuhami, as rapporteur (recorder).

Speaking at the first session, Moroccan Minister of Minerals and Energy Musa Al Sa'di called for coordination among Arab development projects and efforts to achieve Arab economic integration. He also called for cooperation in mining industries to benefit the whole Arab Nation.

The conference also decided that the fifth Arab conference on in Khartoum in January 1984

At this evening's session, the economic affairs adviser of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council, Dr. Abdul al Al Sagban, reviewed a working paper on the strategy of developing mineral resources in the form of pan-Arab economic integration. He said the most important factor in the success of this strategy is the availablity of accurate geological information in order to define the mineral resources which can be recovered and used economically within a fixed timetable.

18th anniversary of the Special Forces





His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday patronised the celebration of the 18th anniversary of the formation of Jordan's Special Forces. Before distributing gifts to the children of Special Forces martyrs and awards to members of the unit, the King saw combat survival exercises-in one of which a trooper ate a raw snake. (Staff photos by Yousef Al



Schmidt begins UAE talks ABU DHABI, April 29 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt arrived here today from Saudi Arabia for a one-day visit to discuss closer political and economic cooperation with the Uni-

The chancellor was welcomed with military honours by Sheikh Rashid Ibn Said Al Maktoum. vice-president and prime minister of the UAE.

ted Arab Émirates (UAE).

The UAE supplies more than six per cent of West Germany's crude oil needs and is an important investment area for German private business.

Chancellor Schmidt flew in from Riyadh where he agreed to expand economic ties with the Saudis but said they could not buy West German weapons at the

moment. Mr. Schmidt informed the Saudi government vesterday that West Germany could not provide the weapons for the time being because of strong parliamentary opp-

But at a joint press conference with Mr. Schmidt this morning, Saudi Crown Prince Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz said that Saudi Arabia would be happy to buy the arms in the future if the situation in West Germany changed.

West Germany had been told informally before Mr. Schmidt's two days of talks in Rivadh that Saudi Arabia wanted arms including Leopard II heavy battle tanks.

To fulfil Saudi desires. Bonn would have to modify its 10year-old ban on arms sales outside the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

Mr. Schmidt said he would inform the West German Bundestag (parliament) about his Riyadh talks as soon as possible.

In Bonn today, the leader of West Berlin's Jewish community was quoted as saying be feared West Germany might still sell arms to Saudi Arabia despite the chancellor's assertion to the contrary.

(Mr. Heinz Galinski told the newspaper Neue Osnabruecker Zeitung that Bonn should not even consider supplying weapons to a country at war with the Zionist

Israel welcomed Chancellor Schmidt's decision not to sell arms to Saudi Arabia.

A foreign ministry spokesman in occupied Jerusalem told reporters today: "Israel is firmly opposed to the sale of aggressive and sophisticated weapons to its enemies. That is especially true of West Germany because of the special relations between Germany and the Jewish state. Thus we regard Chancellor Schmidt's decision as a positive step."

On the Arab-Israeli dispute, Mr. Schmidt today repeated the

European Economic Community position on the issue as outlined in the Venice declaration last year, stressing its four main points: affirmation of the Palestinians' right to self-determination, the necessity of Palestine Liberation Organisation participation in peace talks, withdrawal by Israel from the territories occupied in the 1967 war and the recognition of the right to all countries to exist

within secure borders. Mr. Schmidt said it was his personal conviction that the "Palestinians have the right to organise themselves into their own state." He said this position was "positively received" by the Saudis.

Both sides agreed that the United States was essential to any peaceful settlement.

Crown Prince Fahd said the Palestinian issue was the main

during the visit. He reaffirmed the Saudi position that the issue is of primary importance to the stability of the Middle East. Last night, Mr. Schmidt met with the Saudi Minister of Finance and Economy Sheikh Mohammad

topic in the political discussions

Aba Al Khail. They discussed Saudi Arabia's greater participation in the International Monetary Fund and increased direct aid to Third World states. Mr. Schmidt later met with Oil

Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, who briefed the chancellor on Saudi Arabia's oil production and pricing policies. Sheikh Yamani told Mr. Schmidt he expected an oil glut to continue and that the prices of the other OPEC countries should come down to Saudi Arabia's, according

Qadhafi in Belgrade after Moscow visit

BELGRADE, April 29 (A.P.) --Libvan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi arrived here today for a two-day visit and talks with Yugoslay leaders on bilateral relations and international topics.

Mr. Cvijetin Mijatovic, president of Yugoslavia's collective presidency, led a group of top Yugoslav leaders who came to the airport for the lavish welcoming

Official Soviet accounts said Col. Oadhafi's talks with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev included discussions of new "concrete" spheres of joint activity. But Libyan officials said Col. Qadhafi signed no written agrcements with the Soviet Union. The Libyan leader arrived in

Moscow on Monday. Mr. Bre-Don't cut services, King tells Rydbeck

AMMAN, April 29 (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein today reiterated Jordan's opposition to "any reduction or termination of services offered by the United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA)," Petra, the Jordan News Agency reported.

The agency said the King also told UNRWA Commissioner Gen-

eral Olof Rydbeck that Jordan "is keen to see UNRWA continue its educational services alongside its social and humanitarian services to Palestinian refugees in Jordan and other Arab countries."

"His Majesty also stressed the responsibility of the international community, represented by the United Nations, in guaranteeing the continuation of the agency's services and the performing of its duties towards the Palestinian refugees," Petra said.

The audience with King Hussein was attended by Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim. Later, Prime Minister Mudar Badran received Mr. Rydbeck at his office. Mr. Rydbeck briefed the prime minister on the UNRWA

position and the services it renders, particularly in the educational Mr. Rydbeck, who arrived here via the border post at Ramtha earlier today, also met with top-ranking officials of the United States, Iraqi, British and Japanese embassies in Amman. He was understood

to have thanked fraq for its "generous contribution" to the tune of \$5 million to the agency, according the informed sources. Mr. Rydbeck is to call tomorrow on the ambassadors here of Libva and Kuwait and the Consul general of the Netherlands. He will also have a series of meetings with UNRWA's field office staff in Jordan. In the afternoon, Mr. Rydbeck is scheduled to have what refugee

sources described as a "beated" discussion with refugee rep-

Mr. Rydbeck travels to the occupied West Bank on Friday mor-

zhnev saw him off at Moscow airport this morning, the official Soviet news agency TASS rep-

Libyan officials said Libyan Armed Forces Chief of Staff Abu Bakr Yunis Jaber, who accompanied Col. Qadhafi met with Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Ustinov. Col. Qadhafi prayed yesterday at a mosque and a Muslim cemetery in addition to holding his second day of meetings with Mr.

Brezhnev, they said.

Belgrade sources, meanwhile, noted the great interest of Yugoslavia and Libya in promoting and expanding all forms of cooperation between them.

Libya is Yugoslavia's second

most important foreign trade parther among the developing countries after Iraq. The two countries exchanged \$420 million worth of goods last year--an increase of 79 per cent from 1979.

There are 4,500 Yugoslav wor-



Under royal patronage

The Ministry of Tourism

the Department of Culture and Arts.

in cooperation with The Jordan Artists' Association presents

The Spring National Festival of Art opening on Thursday, April 30, 1981 to 10:30 a.m. at the Coral Beach Hotel, Holiday Inn Hotel, Al Cazar Hotel, and Agaba Hotel in

AQABA CITY.

The festival lasts until May 6, 1981



His Majesty King Hussein receives the participants in the fourth general meeting of the Arab Satellite Communications Organisation on Wednesday.

King confident on Arabsat

AMMAN, April 29 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at the Hashemite Royal Court this evening the Arab communications ministers and

The King emphasised the significance of completing the Arab communications satellite project in order to keep pace with the spirit of the age and scientific devclopments, and because of its usefulness in transmitting cultural, educational and scientific tel-

evision programmes. King Hussein expressed confidence that the conference would achieve positive results and lead to the desired scientific development in telecommunications.

Saudi Telegraph, Post and Telephone Minister Alawi Kayyal expressed the thanks of the chairmen of the delegations and their pride in King Hussein, and praised the progress achieved in Jordan in all fields.

Meanwhile, Jordanian Communications Minister Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben, in his capacity as chairman of the Arabsat meeting, praised the high and positive spirit characterising the discussions among the heads of del-

In a press statement today, Dr. Zaben said that the fraternal atm-

chairmen of the delegations participating in the fourth general meeting of the Arab Satellite Communications Organisation (Arabsat). osphere prevailing at the meeting

to the success of its work. Dr. Zaben added that the citizens of all Arab countries are anxious to see the conference attain significant and positive results on the path of joint Arab action, particularly as regards the Arab communications satellite's ability to render secure and guaranteed telephone, telegraph and telex services to Arab countries. The satellite will also disseminate culture and science among all Arab

would contribute to a great extent

states, he said. meetings at 10 a.m. tomorrow to

continue discussion of the items on its agenda, which include nong other things the doubling of the organisation's capital and the awarding of the tender for construction of the satellite.

Meanwhile, Dr. Zaben and Iraqi Communications Minister Sa'doun Ghaidan met yesterday to discuss the Amman-Baghdad microwave project. The two sides expressed their firm desire expeditiously to complete this project, which will provide some 950 direct telephone, telegraph and telex circuits between the two The conference will resume its countries to facilitate communications between them.

Iraqi trade fair set for June

BAGHDAD, April 29 (Petra) — The Iraqi News Agency has reported that the Iraqi trade ministry will organise a special exhibition of Iraqi goods and commodities in Jordan early in June.

Textiles, foodstuffs, mechanical and electrical products will be exhibited with the aim of acquainting the Jordanian public with the progress achieved in Iraq.

The exhibition is part of efforts to strengthen economic cooperation and coordination between Iraq and Jordan, and to promote the exchange of expertise among them.

EEC sugar gift to UNRWA due

AMMAN, April 29 (J.T.) — As part of the European Economic Community's contributions to (UNRWA), a shipment of 1,000 tonnes of sugar is expected to arrive at Agaba Port Thursday for use in the agency's relief programme benefitting eligible registered Palestinian refugees. an UNRWA communique said here today.

Gauge change on the track for Hijaz RR

AMMAN, April 29 (J.T.) — The Hijaz Railway Corporation has prepared an integrated plan for the development of the railmad linking Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

A spokesman for the corporation was quoted by Al Ra'i newspaper as saying that the existing 105-centimetre-wide rail line will be replaced by a wider set of tracks, of the 150-centimetre standard gauge, so as to accomodate modern engines and coaches. Electric trains to run on the railway, he said, would travel at 300 kilometres an hour.

Jordanian standard-gauge coaches would be able to reach Greece, Italy and other European countries through Turkey after the railway has been reconstructed, the spokesman added.

The new projected railroad linking the three Arab countries and extending to Turkey will be 2,565 kilometres long.

Jordan-Iraq transport committee meets today

AMMAN, April 29 (J.T.) - The Jordanian-Iraqi overland transport committee is due to open meetings in Amman on Thursday.

The committee will review the achievements and activities of the countries' joint overland transport company and its programmes for 1981, according to the undersecretary of the Ministry of Transport, Mr. Hashem Al Taher.

The Iraqi side at the talks will be led by Transport Minister Sardoun Ghaidan and the Tordan will be led by his Jordanian counterpart Mr. Ali Suheimat.

The joint company was established in 1980 with an initial capital of JD 7.5 million. During his stay here. Mr. Ghaidan will visit Aqaba to look into the port's facilities.



AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			Crosnik
Name of Company	Par Value	Traded	High	Low	Price
Islamic Bank 50%	JD 1.000	6,223	1.670	1.620	1.620
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1.000	10,285	2,290	2.290	2,290
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	3,400	1.510	1.500	1.510
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	3,000	2.150	2.110	2.110
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1.000	4,655	1.680	1.670	1,680
Industrial Development Bank	JD 1.000	1,100	1.420	1.420	1.420
Bank of Jordan	JD 5.000	320	17.(XX)	16,890	16.890
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5.000	42	15.100	15.100	15.100
Arab Bank Co. Ltd.	000.01 GL	65	133,000	133,000	133,000
Arab Financial Corporation (Jordan) 80%	JD 10.000	081	13.550	13.520	13.550
Arab Union Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	1,650	1.560	1.550	1.550
Al Ezdihar Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	7,468	2.500	2.450	2.500
Arabian Seas Insurance Co.	JD 5,000	165	11.520	11.5(X)	11.500
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	4,553	2,050	2.000	2.030
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,0(8)	9,500	1.070	1.060	1.060
Arabian Investment and					
International Trading Co.	JD 1.000	34,791	1.310	1.260	1.290
International Contracting and Investments	Co. JD 1.000	2,400	0.890	0.870	0.870
Livestock and Poultry Co.	JD 1.000	3,200	0.660	0.650	0,660
Dar Al Sha'h for Press, Publications					
and Distribution	JD 1.000	8,500	0,970	0,960	0.960
Garage Owners Federation Office Co.	JD 1,000	479	000,01	10,000	10,000
Arab Development and Investments Co.	JD 2.000	50	1.480	1,480	1.480
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1.000	15,649	1.330	1.300	1,330
Arab Alummium Industries Co.	JD 1.000	15,155	1.550	1.540	1.550
Arab Paper Processing and Trading Co.	JD 1.000	100	0.840	0,840	0,840
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JĎ 1.(Ю)	8,093	3.900	3,890	3.900
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD L(XX)	2,6IX)	4,800	4,8(8)	4.800
National Steel Industries	JD 1.(NH)	6,800	2,220	2.100	2.200
Jordan Ceramies Industries Co.	. 1D 1'(A)U	2,204	1.160	1.160	1.160
Jordan Glass Factories Co.	000.1 GL	150	0.820	0.820	0.820
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 1.000	1,613	3.700	3,700	3.700
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5.000	6,932	6,400	6.350	6.4(0)
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5.000	1.520	8.420	8.400	8.410
ordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	294	18,650	18,600	18,650

CROWN HOTEL

Total volume of shares traded on Wednesday, April 29, 1981: JD 347,406

Total number of shares traded: 163,136

Sports and Tourist Complex

The complex's management announces that it has decided to accept a limited number of families to membership for 1981. We invite applicants to call in person at the administration office, to fill forms and pay membership fees for one year, as of April 1, 1981.

Members of the complex are kindly reqquested to renew their memberships before May 10, 1981.

Crown Hotel Jordan Radio and Television Road Tel. 71256 or 78468 P.O. Box 1318, Amman

Nationalist Chinese trade group visiting Jordan and holding a display show on May 2 at Sheraton Palace

The group arrives Amman for a four-day visit and will hold a display show of Taiwan-made products at the Sheraton Palace hotel on Saturday, May 2, between 3 and 8 p.m. Samples on display include:

TEXTILES & GARMENTS; ELECTRICS & ELE-CTRONICS; JEWELLERY; TRANSPORTATION PRO-DUCTS; FOOTWEAR; BAGS: HARDWARE & HAND TOOLS; MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: CANNED FOOD; AND VARIOUS OTHER KINDS OF USEFUL GOODS.

The group represents the biggest and most important business concerns in Taiwan. There will be great opportunities for business dealings and commercial contracts.



Crown Prince Hassan delivers his lecture on Arab strength at the Royal Police Academy on Wednesday.

Crown Prince lectures at Police Academy

AMMAN, April 29 (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan today declared that "strength should not be built on one, but on several elements in the process of building, and steadfastness is not military steadfastness only, but should be supported by a pan-Arab eco-

Sports City to close

for 2 days

AMMAN, April 29 (Petra) -The facilities of Al Hussein Youth City (Sports City) will be closed as of Friday morning until Sunday morning on the occasion of the celebrations marking Labour Day, Sport City Director 'Isam Aridah said

nomic structure and a comprehensive development throughout the Arab homeland,"

In a lecture today at the Royal Police Academy, Crown Prince Hassan said that Jordan has made significant strides on the path of self-reliance. However, the 1967 war "has prevented us from reaching our full goals," he said. "Had it not been for this war, we would have been able to do away with foreign loans,"

The Crown Prince said that the process of building is significant, because it will enable us to prove to ourselves and to the world that we are actually capable of standing on our own feet, and holding out not only in the military field but in the economic and social fields as well."

Price Hassan said Jordan has given special priority to the building of its economic and defence potentials, and to confronting the Israeli practices in the occupied Arab areas in addition to supporting the kinsmen there.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMMAN, April 29 (Petra) - A meeting of the Arab and international bodies financing the Aqaba thermal power station and the Amman-Aqaba 400 kilovolt line began here today. The World Bank. the Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the Iragi Fund for External Development, the West German Construction Bank and the French government are participating in the project, which will cost JD 100

AMMAN, April 29 (J.T.) - The director of the Department of Antiquities, Dr. Adnan Hadidi, left Amman for Holland vesterday. He will hold talks with Dutch officials on the planned sound and light spectacular in Jerash which, is to be carried out by the Dutch electronies company Philips.

AMMAN, April 29 (J.T.) — The Health Ministry has appointed physicians of various specialisations to West Bank hospitals, a report in Al Ra'i newspaper said today. The step was taken in view of the shortage of doctors in these hospitals as a result of Israel's measures against Arab doctors and the deteriorating health conditions in the occupied territories.

AMMAN, April 29 (Petra) - The University of Jordan will take part in a conference of university graduates which will open in West Germany on Friday. Taking part in the four-day conference will be graduates of universities around the world, who will discuss problems facing them, and their relationship with their universities and institutions employing them.Dr. Nassim Barham from the geography department of the Faculty of Arts will represent the University of Jordan at the conference.

IRBID, April 29 (Petra) - Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani has decided today to form a municipal council at Al Ashrafiya in Youra Directorate. The council's members are Mr. Jasem Kharabsha (head), Mr. Mustafa Duyabat, Mr. Mohammad Al Mifleh, Mr. Mohammad Salman, Mr. Hussein Khader, Mr. Mustala Hammoudeh and Mr. Salman Dhawahbeh (members), a ministry spokesman said,

DELUXE BUILDING FOR RENT

Two-storey building is available for rent in Shmeisani, next to the Flying Carpet. All modern conveniences and garden. Can be let as a whole or in parts.

Tel. 83333, Zarqa Burhan Abdul Hadi

FOR RENT

A spacious flat consisting of three bedrooms, three bathrooms, three big salons, two verandas, a large kitchen; with central heating. Location: Jabal Amman, Second Circle (down the road leading from the Lebanese embassy, second street to the right).

Call: Tel. 24556

HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS FOR SALE

Custom built "Early Canadian" solid pine furniture. Living room, dining room, bedroom sets, desk. Also Kawasaki 250cc (1980) motorcycle.

Tel: 43654

Tennis Talk



The right racquet for you

By Maureen Stalla

GOING OUT to buy tennis equipment may not have been very difficult 10 years ago. But today, the market is flooded with choices and prices, and the novice player is overwhelmed in the sport shops. Relax -- it still is really just a matter of a racquel. some balls and tennis shoes. Here are some guidelines:

Racquets used to be primarily made of wood. A good wood racquet has up to eleven laminations of ash and fiber. The more laminations, the better the quality and the higher the price. Wood racquets are still the lowest priced, and are still favoured by many of the world's top players.

Now there are many racquets on the market made of other materials -- fiberglass, graphite, steel, aluminium and com-binations of these. Shopkeepers will talk about flexibility and stiffness, weight distribution, head-heaviness versus racquets light

in the head, and general weights and grip sizes.

It is best to try out a racquet before buying it. Whether one buys a wood or metal racquet is mostly a matter of preference, and has little to do with the ability of the player.

Strangely there is not yet a standard racquet surface in the rules, and the new over-sized racquets are becoming popular. By having an enlarged "sweet spot", these racquets have brought satisfying results to many players. If you ever have a chance to play with a Prince Graphite, don't be put off by its snow-shoe appearance --

As a general guide, women and girls usually prefer a 41, (412) inch grip light). Men and some women prefer a 5M (4 k-inch medium weighted). As far as balance goes, most players like an evenly balanced racquet, though baseline players often feel a head heavy racquet gives them more power while other players opt for a racquet light in the head because it helps with touch on the volley. If possible, buy the racquet you like right off the shelf, Every single racquet is a little bit different, even if it is the same exact type and size.

There are some considerations to keep in mind about strings. Nylon is a durable, inexpensive and reliable material. Gut is more often favoured by top players because it has more "feel". However, it is adversely affected by moisture, and is currently pricing itself out of the market. Vantage, a synthetic, is said to play like gut and cost like nylon -- overstated perhaps, but worth a try.

Generally, one should have his racquet strung on the loose side, ly 24 kilos tension for good control. Power hitters often ask for -28 kilos tension, but this is hazardous to the arm and the tendons in the elbow, and also causes the player to lose muchneeded accuracy.

Irbid in a squeeze for drinking water

IRBID, April 29 (J.T.) - Water pumped to Irbid from the Duleil region has become unpotable due to increasing salinity, according to the city's mayor, Dr. Abdul Razzaq Tubeishat.

He said agreement has been reached with the Water Supply Corporation to begin gradual reduction in the amount of water pumped from Duleil to Irbid, from the present 18,000 cubic metres a day to only 4,000 cubic metres a day by the end of this year. Intensive efforts are now required to find new water sources in

addition to the springs of Rajoub and Threibeh, which at present supply Irbid with 1,500 cubic metres a day, Dr. Tubeishat said. Because of the growing population of the city and in view of the coming summer season, the city will be in dire need of additional supplies of water, he added.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions -

The British Council presents "The Age of Shakespeare", an exhibition which employs pictures, photographs, slides, music, models and costumes to explore the way of life of the late 16thcentury Englishman. The council will present a special programme of readings and scenes from Shakespeare, lectures, solo performances and music related to the exhibition during the second week of May. The exhibition is open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the council in Jabal Amman.

Yarmouk University presents an exhibition of architectural books. On display are books written by professors on the staff of the university's Faculty of Engineering, at the university's exh-

The Harvard Semitic Museum, in cooperation with the Ministries of culture and youth and tourism, presents an exhibition of Middle Fast "Photographs from the Last Century" which was held in Agaba last week, now on display at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts in Amman. Opening ceremony at 4:30 p.m. on Thu-

The Natural Resources Authority presents a geological exhibition on mineral resources in Jordan at the Holiday Inn hotel in Amman, On display are samples of minerals and ores, and industrial products made from these raw materials.

The exhibition of work of the Italian artist Daniele Scaglioni, which was held at the Alia Art Gallery in Amman last week, is now on display at Yarmouk University in Irbid.

Spring Festival

The second secon

Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein and Her Maj-

esty Queen Noor, the Spring Festival of art will open on Thursday. Several art exhibitions will take place at the major hotels in Aqaba. Artists from Jordan as well as from Arab countries are arriving in Aqaba to celebrate or take part in the occasion.

FOR RENT

Apartments for rent in Shmeisani, near the Commodor Hotel. 3 bedrooms, living room, salon dining room, kitchen, 2 bathrooms, 2 verandas, central heating.

For information call: Tel. 65017

CAR FOR SALE

1979 Peugeot 504 GL (2-litre) Estate, in superb condition. Automatic choke, tinted windows and only 30,000 km on clock. JD 2,000, duty unpaid.

Tel. 62790, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Spring Festival opens today

Special to the Jordan Times

MMAN, April 29 - Jordan is a small country -- its By Mally, spin - William is tiny in world terms, and is smallness means a closely knit society. But even the Jordanian population were big enough to allow r anonymity it is doubtful whether one could ever tain the obscurity of being just a number, because the nature of its peoples. Their feelings are acute id near the surface; their affections deep and wide, ed their social mores, traditions and manners grow ranger and more complex in an age when they are ing forgotten.

> ne art world is a microcosm of society, with emotions that are nified by sensitive temments; and it is in this atmtere that critics and selectors exhibitions work.

or the critic the task is made a easier by simple omission; for selection committees who to take only the best of what bmitted -- work that requires lute impartiality -- the task mes more difficult as their artiality has to allow for encgement, friendship and a desvithin themselves not to upset

spite of this -- or maybe becof it -- the selection comse for the Spring National ival of Art, opening in Aqaba orrow, have not done a bad and among the 250 pieces a are a number of good, and e excellent, works that make or the ones that are not. fluences are much less relit in this century in western itries, because of the proation of art magazines, books television programmes about all with a wealth of pictures information. But they are still ortant in Jordan, where up a few years ago there was art taught, where there are no readily available art mag-

SQ Ufficient are general and expve. So from where did the infces come?

the early 1940s, after Jorfirst art exhibition in 1938 he Turkish-born Diar Deen iman, Jordanian artists took main ideas from the foreign ters who made Jordan their ie. By the 1960s many of these lanian pioneers felt the need o abroad for further studies. some 15 took off for Iraq, ot, the U.K., Italy and Spain or those who could not leave, for the increasing numbers of ng people becoming interested rt, the return of these artists ld be crucial - bringing with n as they did new influences, s, skills and knowledge. The) ING Or being produced now, the-

the artists drawing insion from the last 100 years of is" that make up the era of егл апт.

here from and where to?

ne Spring Festival, with work i all the active Jordanian artgives one an opportunity to where the best of them have e from -- and to see where the novement in Jordan is headed. aser Duweik seems to be an t who is going in the right diron. His work starts with the ngly figurative and impionistic, such as the painting of Arab women talking -- which ough delicate in the way he hes the angles of speaker and ner, does not have anything to say, and does not empe his painterly skills, which atest style does

progresses through a strong, st abstract view of the port at oa, and Duweik's latest piece in total geometric abstraction ft cubist colours. It hints at the inuous scaffolding, the dailying-ever-taller buildings of new metropolis of Amman, stacking of new on old, the : grids being superceded by : complex designs. The divof the image cleverly draws attention to what seems to be ographically enlarged detail. uweik's earlier style, the more ssible depiction of Jordan's itional peoples, has been h emulated by the younger ts -- no doubt fulfilling a deso portray something that belto their culture -- but perhaps will now see that this latest e by the artist has still a lot to vith culture, and more to do

Tel. 6501 nother artist who has prod some interesting new work nar Hamdan. Hamdan's work that of Tawfiq Al Said show ng influences of one of the h-admired pioneers of the anian art movement, Moh-1 Durra. By drawing on ra's blues and blocky forms, idan has produced a powerful

dominating the picture while the vegetables add foci of bold colour -- and a landscape. The latter's simplified composition takes much from the work of Nicolas de Stael, and can be seen in both abstract terms and as a representation. Hamdan is moving, quite rightly, away from the emphasis of dark lines around his forms, letting them now play against each other and so achieving a

more placid, continuous surface. There are two other artists whose single pieces of work at the festival can be taken as both abstract and representational. Princess Wijdan Ali is an artist of some calibre, and shows in her glowing desert landscape how she has learnt a striking simplicity of composition, a hazy bleaching of colours from the deserts of Jordan, the country she loves.

In his tentative departure from the romantic impressionism of his lone desert riders to abstraction, Fuad Mimi has been successful. His bright blocky abstract hints at, and keeps, the character of his former landscapes, while at the same time being more originally attractive.

Pure joy

Which brings us finally, as we trace our way from figurative art to true abstraction, to the work of Princess Fahrelnissa Zaid's most



Attractive genre scene by Abdul Raouf Shamoun

ists who are heading towards abstruction from figurative art to those who have arrived there and then finally to those who have been there and are now making temporary returns to the fig-

By returning to the figurative we return to those artists who are more strongly committed to the figure, artists like Ibrahim Abu Rub Al Najjar. Abu Rub is a prolific painter of great enthusiasm and dedication, with an infectious self-confidence, and who despite a full-time job has produced two new works for the festival. Both are in his own individual, most often-used style -- the writhing, intertwining figures, which this time are suspended in a white void stabilised by reddish brown which deepens as it spreads out to edges of the canvas. The inspiration is as

Bridget Riley, artists who showed that Kinetic paintings are not meant to express or communicate feeling, but are paintings which come to life by means of the optical illusions that they produce in the eye and mind of the viewer -they are only complete when looked at. Influenced by this and trying to produce something along these lines are the Jordanian artists Khawla Jamil Qasm and Ahmad Hassan. Both have made good attempts -- Qasm most effectively in her rippling and tinily attractive black and white grids, Hassan by using colour to generate his illusion. Both should develop along these lines, perhaps producing more complex images, for instance making one colour by optical means bleed into another. or by making the picture move from warm to cool through a progression of hues.

Optical distortions and biomorphism are some of the attractions that surrealism still holds, for the political and philosophical ideas that initiated the movement are no longer really relevant. Ziad Tamimi, Mohammad Issa and Munir Deraz have adapted their surrealistic influences to their own styles.

images of one form turning into another -- the sea that becomes the back of a woman, the roots of the tree that on second glance become the toes of a foot -- while Issa concentrates on producing graphic organic visions that seem to come from another planet.

Although all three are producing good work and the images that surrealism encompasses are seemingly limitless, they are nevertheless adding nothing new, and they should perhaps move on, using surrealism as a basis for their expression rather than a means. Surrealism is a movement that cannot be relived, only imitated: and no work done since can surpass the imagination, the skill -the madness even -- of the work achieved when the movement was in its heyday. The logical progression from surrealism was perhaps through to abstract expressionism.

Some of the pieces have been chosen by the selection committee on the grounds that they were the only works that represented art going on in some of the towns outside Amman. Salim Al Umr, the only artist from Karak to submit his work, has produced a genre scene of a local woman grinding the corn in browns and reds which, although not very different, at least captures something of the atmosphere which the feelingless, souvenir-like portraits of romanticised Arab women painted on cork from Irbid do not.

. <u>Masterful</u>

Ceramics and sculptures figure very little in the exhibition, mainly because Jordan has so few artists working in these media. The work of Abdul Rahman Misri and Mohammad Sayyed is among the best; but all pale next to the strength, beauty, masterful skill and complexity of Mahmoud Taha's organic spheres.

Many of the artists are exhibiting work that they put on show in December, at the Second Annual Exhibition of the Jordan Artists' Association; and the same criticisms that were applicable then still hold - with one further exhortation, especially applicable to the students of the Centre for Music and Fine Arts. There are some, the ones exhibiting at the festival in particular, who have hinted at true abilities. Therefore we are no longer interested in seeing what they have done (we have seen that at least three times in the

ISI LON, 81/1

A UNIQUE man with a unique

mission passed through Amman on Tuesday. Swami Vishnu Devananda, an Indian-born Canadian citizen, arrived here after staging a peaceful demonstration against aggression in front of the Israeli Knesset.

The method of demonstration was quite an unusual one - the swami and his students stood on their heads for one hour. However, the swami was unable to stay at the Knesset for very long, because he was due at the King Hussein Bridge over the Jordan River to perform another headstand protest.

The subject of the Hindu ascetic's protest is nuclear warfare; and his goal is to help the world survive until the 21st century.

"I believe that the Third World War will begin either in the Middle East or in Ireland," Swami Vishnu said in an exclusive interview with the Jordan Times. "Israel is in possession of a number of nuclear bombs, and the danger lies in the fact that small countries (such as those in this area) have nothing to lose. And there is no way to escape.

last year), but in how they are

going to fulfill the promise of these

of very poor works in the exh-

ibition that unfortunately lack any

artistic merit. The good and the

bad works, however, together

make up a comprehensive and int-

eresting survey of the present Jor-

danian art movement. Where is

the movement headed? It is mov-

ing slowly but steadily towards

Finally, there is quite a number

first works.

- The Third World War will not be started by the superpowers, Russia and the United States," he says. "The war will be ignited by a minor power that manages to develop an atomic bomb of its own.

'However, when small nations develop nuclear wea-

pons, which is inevitable, it will not be long before they wind up in the hands of some terrorist group. Once these extremist groups have atomic bombs, you can rest assured" that they will assemble these bombs in major capitals of the world.

People... in the news

Swami Vishnu Devananda has been around the world several times on this type of peace mission. He is best known for his world peace mission in 1971, when he and a Jewish American copilot dropped peace leaflets over the Suez Canal, and when he and the late Peter Sellers demonstrated for peace in Belfast. As a result Swami Vishnu has been dubbed "the flying swami".

IF YOU are a secretary who feels overworked and underappreciated, then the people at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel are just your type.

Picking up on the intemational custom of the Secretaries' Week, widely observed during the last week in April around the world, the intercontinental will bring to Jordan its own Secretaries' Day by throwing a party in honour of Amman's hard-working secretaries and their bosses.

The hotel sponsored a similar event two years ago, and due to its success they have decided to repeat the event this year. "The main thing is that this is a new idea in Jordan," Public Relations Manager Lucy Asio said.

One of the slogans that were popular at the last party Behind every good boss, there is an even better secretary! Another exhorted employers: "Your secretary is worth her weight in gold: make sure she doesn t devaluate...

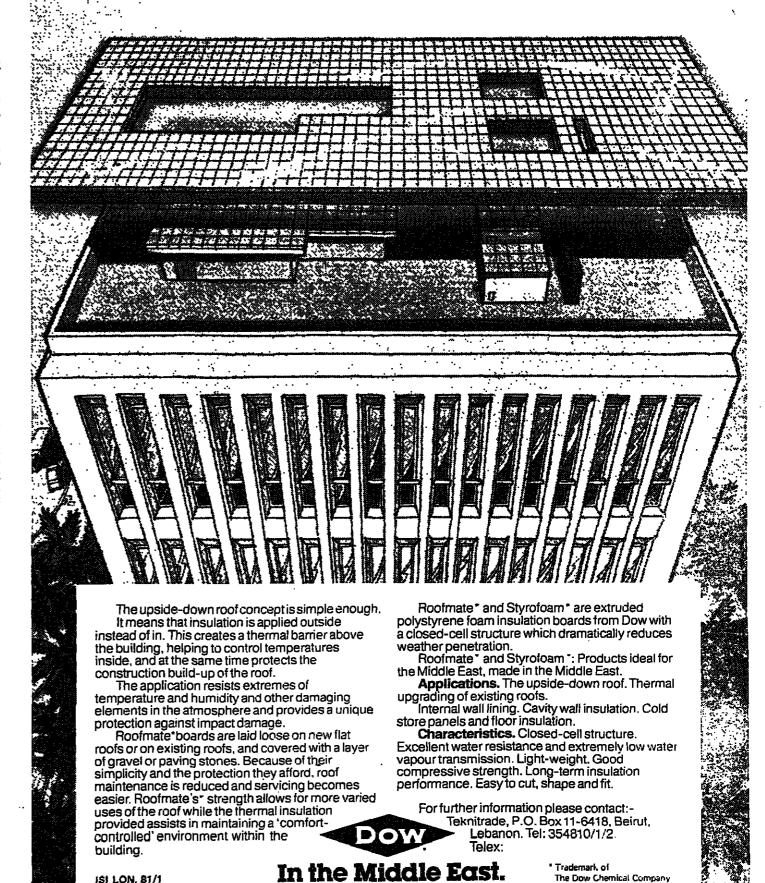
This year's party, to be held in the intercontinental's new ballroom, has been postponed for a few days, and is now set for Monday, May 4. The guest list is roughly 230 names long, ranging from bank employees to those of travel agencies. Both local and foreign firms are participating.

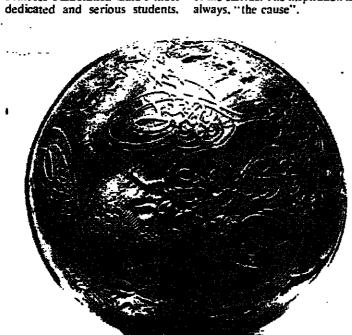
THE DIRECTOR of the Press Department at the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Mr. Thomas Neumaier, left Amman recently after a two-week visit to

During his visit, Mr. Neumaier worked on the filming of Jordanian projects in which the West German government is participating. He also met with a number of officials, and conducted interviews to be published in West German newspapers.

While here, Mr. Neumaier expressed admiration for Jordan's achievements over the past 10 years. He had, it seems, requested specially to be sent back here--for he held the post of information specialist between 1969 and 1970 at the agricultural information section of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The upside-down roof, with Roofmate from Dow: a combination no climate can beat.





Ceramic sphere bearing calligraphy, by Mahmoud Taha

whose abstract paintings are nothing but pure joyful evocations of their feelings and emotions.

Since their February exhibition these artists have been working hard, resulting in some fine new work. Hind Naser crowned her earlier style with the nebulous and strongly emotional abstract painted in blues, earthy browns and hints of soft pinks, colours of instinctive subtlety, before turning off to a new style. Her latest works shimmer transparently, the eye given direction by the textural pauses, all in colours and hues that are Naser's forte.

Ufemia Rizq is also exploring different avenues, and with great ability she moves from depicting the strengths of the fiery cosmos to gentle peaceful introspection -the creamy browns of her latest piece showing another facet of this artists character. The energy of Suha Shoman conveys itself in the randomness of her glowing reds.

Princess Fahrelnissa has been a very strong influence on these artists; but now they seem to be moving very definitely in their own styles. Yet they remain unified to each other and to their mentor by an underlying strength. The princess, while exhorting her students to abstraction, and while an abstract painter of international chosen to display at this exhibition "The Derwiches". These dancing figures move with joie de vivre, vitality, hope and verve; and yet at the same time are full of mystery and enigma, the beatific and meditative expressions of their faces

giving nothing away. With Princess Fahrelnissa and her "Derwiches", the wheel has turned full-circle -- from those art- their best by Victor Vasarely and life -- a masterly painted jug

But it is often his early. Hockney-like figures, clad only in beachwear and machine guns -which seem to come to him despite himself -- that are the most powerful images; and it is the same influence that prompts him to produce these pictures as moves Ayad Al Nimer. Both studied in Egypt in the early 1970s, and while Abu Rub is moving away from these figures -- that owe a lot to children's painting -- because he doesn't feel them to be the real Abu Rub, Al Nimer is producing better and more original images on the same theme. His female faux-naif' style figures, striped in blue and purple or splattered in blocks of bright colour, have a schizophrenic character -- they are humourous yet serious, they are powerful and strong yet frivolous; but in common they represent

Confidence

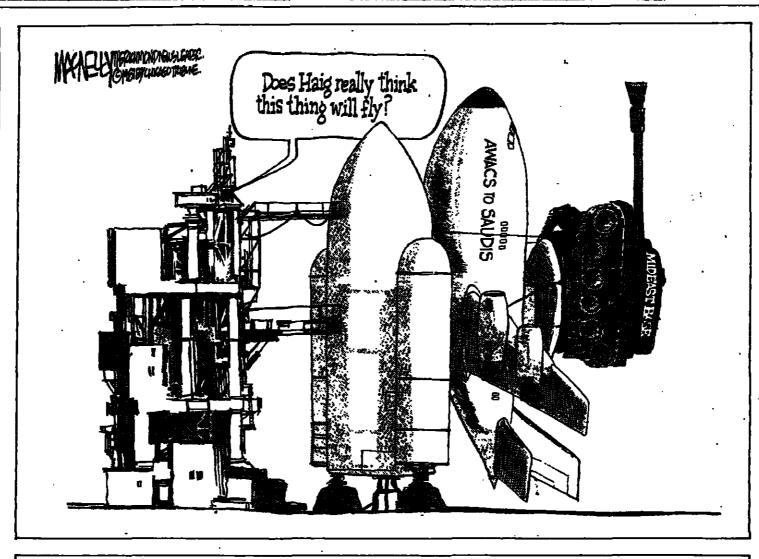
good art.

Which is what Ahmad Nawash is still doing. Although accused by some of a rigidity and monotony in compositional formula, Nawash is working through his own highly individual style from darker, more obscure reflections of the individual dilemma to clearer, lighter. gayer figures that seem to indicate the artist has passed from inscalibre and acclaim herself, has ecurity to confidence. "Two Florentine Ladies" and the gay circus scene are full of hope, and have a strength of direction that is far from being repetitious.

Optical and Kinetic art, with their roots deep in the Bauhaus tradition -- because they were the consequence of the kind of experiments the Bauhaus encouraged. -- have been explored at

Political technology

THE MEETINGS here this week of the Arab Satellite Communications Organisation (Arabsat) perhaps lack the drama and rhetoric of more politically oriented Arab gatherings. But it is the work of groups such as these that will have the greatest impact in the long run on whether or not the future development of the Arab people is based on intelligently identified national resources, rather than on allowing our resources to react haphazardly to global pressures and the more powerful market forces of giant economies in other continents. The fourth Arab Conference on Mineral Resources, also taking place in Amman this week, is another example of the technical coordination that has to lie at the base of systematic Arab cooperation, to flesh out the broader political will to mesh the different Arab states into an integrated whole. It is rather extraordinary that we still have to communicate with other Arab capitals via the communications systems of Europe and North America, for example, or that Arab news organisations have to rely on their Western colleagues for the provision and transmission of news and pictures. The Araissat project will be a giant step forward in the field of intra-Arab communications, providing the technical base upon which we will have to demonstrate our capacity for serious cooperation and self-help. As such, the political burden of putting our words and ideas into action will become more urgent, and more feasible.



ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The Arab people in Syria have never been isolated from our proud Arab people here in Jordan. The kinsmen here and there are linked by ties of amity, fraternity and common faith in the unity of their heritage and fate. It seems that these strong ties are the thing which disturbs the Syrian regime, which has decided that its survival depends on severing these ties and erecting a terroristic wall to protect itself and to isolate these kinsmen from

In accordance with this strategy, the Syrian regime fabricated the tension with Jordan, and entered the world of underground crime by carrying out several organised crimes which were exposed and became known to everyone.

Nevertheless, all these crimes only made stronger the ties between the Jordanian and Syrian peoples, and only enhanced the isolation of the Syrian regime.

The Syrian regime, which acted with cowardice when it came to unity with Iraq and then stabbed unity in the back and deviated from Arab solidarity with the Golan Heights still occupied, should be the last to speak about pan-Arab ideals.

The heroic struggle which our kinsmen are waging in fraternal Syria against the repressive, domineering regime is the strongest expression of their allegiance to the strong ties binding them to

their kinsmen here in Jordan. Terrorism will inevitably come to an end, and this is the day when the repressive regime will fall.

AL DUSTOUR: At a time when feverish accusations are being made and campaigns of casting doubts and political outbidding are being unleashed in order to conceal the shaky conditions in, and to disguise the conspiratorial designs of, Damascus, a cultural process is being launched in Amman. This process will contribute to the deepening of feelings of unity, and solidarity, and to keeping pace with the spirit of the age, in order to consolidate the position of the Arab Nation and its strength in confronting all the obstacles and challenges standing in its way.

 The Arabsat meeting currently being held in Amman is aimed at implementing the Arab satellite project, with its great significance in alleviating several of the problems of this nation and enabling it to take up again its civilised role and to enrich science

In his opening address to the conference, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan expressed Jordan's belief in and commitment to joint Arab action for the good of all the Arabs. He also emphasised the significance of the concept of self-reliance, and the need to move into the phase of action on every level.

Abu Dhabi

44584

23039

63273

62315

Dubai Karachi

RED & BLACK

The food lords

By Jawad Ahmac

A friend of mine gave me a book entitled "Merchants of Grain". written by Washington Post correspondent Dan Morgan. Once I dipped my nose into the book, I did not let go until I read it from cover to cover.

In narrative style, the book talks about the operations of the largest five food merchants of the world. describing with enigmatic deft their extraordinary world. Those five giant firms are Cargill, Continental, Bunge. Louis Dreyfus, and Andre'. Stunningly enough, these oligopolies are owned by only seven American and European families.

These companies control the bulk of the world's food trade which added up to more than \$55 billion in 1980. The major staple items which they basically deal with are wheat, corn, rice, sugar and sovabeans.

The most intriguing fact is that these companies, owned and run as they are by very few people, namely families, have succeeded in preventing large corporations from breaking into the market which is still controlled by the more efficient, less routine-ridden family companies.

The operations of these firms are often entangled with politics. Grain embargoes, or the threat to use them, is often executed through these firms which always show readiness to cooperate with governments. Yet, if such embargoes become constraints on their profits, they use their strong lobbies to change the course of events.

Their sheer size is not dependent on their grain trade alone. They are "large multinationals with extensive interests in shipping, banking, food processing, insurance, mining and many other fields". Due to their size on both the buying and selling sides of the market, they can restrict entry by any ambitious potential com-To execute their business with a

high degree of certainty, they chose a close network of agents! their markets. Such agents entiinto the big contracts of food saor purchases in their respect: countries. With great ability th make certain that this cobweb agents guarantees oligopoly in t respective markets. Ti wheeling-dealing operatio which are carried out defy a measures that are often adopt by governments to curb the

monstrous influence. The question which comes mind first and foremost is how c a country like Jordan minim. their whimzical power-seekiinfluence on the prices and qu ntities of food supplies.

For instance government police in Jordan is to restrict the imp ortation of major food items int its own hands. However, this is a the merrier for such companie and their agents. The government ernment's monopoly means larg grain sales which can be fulfille only by these companies. Mo eover, the conditions of the cor tract can be easily met by their while they impose a barring cor straint on outsiders. Thus wit more restrictions, such companie can gain more.

Thus, if any government want to monopolise the purchase o. food supply, it must deal directl. with such companies rather that through agents. Even with that there is no guarantee that price will be lower.

Countries should also expantheir storage capacities in order to buy large when prices go down keeping in mind, however, thu these large companies will not s and watch idly.

The soundest policy is to pre duce one's own needs at home Otherwise, we will continue to h dependent on the actions and reactions of the grain lords.

To enhance domestic pro duction, we need more markfreedom which is currently no available as it should be in Jordan as

10:00

11:00

14:00

16:30

18:30

19:15

20:00 20:35

DOCTORS:

Raja'i Nafa

PHARMACIES: .

Camp) ..

Naimukh

Irbid:

TAXIS:

Venicia

Al-Najab

Sports City

Al Omari

Al-Ruzi

Khaleel Abu-Hussein

JORDAN TELEVISION

CHANNEL 3

CHANNEL 6

4:30	Korun
4:45	Cartoon
5:10	. Children's programme
6:40	Programme Preview
7:00	Local Competition
	Programme
8:00	News in Arabic
8:30	Arabic Series
9:30	Local Programme
10:00	Arabic Film
	News in Arabic
	Cont. of Arabic Film

News in Hebrew . Muppet Show Feather & Father

French Programme

.... News in English

...... News in French

	Movie of the Week: "The Liquidation"		
ł	FOR FRIDAY		
CHANN	EL 3		
10:00	Koran		
	Scooby Doo		
	Hani's Adventures		
	Religious Programme		
12:30	Kids from 47 A		
12:55	Arabic Series		
13:55	Castaways		
14:20	Soccer		
15:15	Science and Life		
15:45	Chips		
16:30	At Your Request		
	Arabic Songs		
	. How the West was Won		
19:20	Programme Preview		

...... Religious Seminar

.... News in Arabic

.... Development

. Arabic Series

CHANNEL 6

6:00	French Programme
7:00	News in French
7:30	News in Hebrew
8:30	Barnev Miller
9:00	Family
10:00	News in English
10:15	Magnum

21:30 Local Programme on

22:15 .. Programme on Literature

RADIO JORDAN 855 KHz, AM & 99 MHz, FOR THURSDAY

7:00	Sign on
	Morning Show
7:30	News Bulletin
7:40	Morning Show
10:00	News Summary
10:03	Pop Session
11:00	Signing off

2:00 2:03 3:00 3:03 4:00 4:10 4:30 6:03 6:03 6:03 6:03 6:03 8:03 9:00 9:30 0:30 1:00 1:03	News Headline Pup Sessio News Summar Pop Sessio News Summar Instrumenta Men from the Ministr Concert Hou News Summar Instrumenta Old Favourite Melody Tim Pop Sessio News Summar Jordan in Histor Special Featur News Des Musi Evening Sho News Summar Evening Sho Sign o

FOR FRIDAY

7:01	Morning She
7:30	News Bulle
7:40	Morning Sh
10:00	News Summa
	Pop Sessi
	Listeners' Cho
12:00	News Headlin
	Pop Sessi
	News Summa
	Pop Sessi
	Ne
	Instrument
	In Conce
	Concert Ho
	News Summa
16:03	Instrument
16:30	Old Favourit
17:00	Soul Spectru
17:30	Pop`Seśsik
18:00	News Summa
	Top Twen
	News De
	d of Arabian Mu
20:00	Andalu
20:30	Special Featu
	Jazz Ho

BBC WORLD SERVICE FOR THURSDAY & FRIDAY

639, 720, 1413 KHz

04:00 Newsdesk 04:30 Intemational Soccer Special 04:45 Financial News 04:55 Reflections 05:00 World News; 24 Hours News Summary 05:30 Classical Record Review 05:45 The World Today 06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 Nature Notebook 06:40 The Farming World 07:00 World News; 24 Hours News Summary 07:30 New Waves 07:45 Network U.K. 08:00 World News: Reflections 08:15 International Soccer Special 08:30 Fiesta 09:00 World News: British Press Review 09:15 The World Today 09:30 Financial News 09:40 Look Ahead 09:45 The Best of Beecham 10:15

A Composer Speaks 10:30 My

Word 11:00 World News News Britain 11:15 Intermezze 11:30 Business Matters 12:00 Radio Newsreel 12:15 Top Twenty 12:45 Sports Round-up 13:00 World News: 24 Hours News Summery 13:30 Network U.K. 13:45 The Pleasure's Yours 14:30 Discovery 15:00 Radio Newsreel 15:15 Outlook 16:00 World News; Commentary 16:15 Assignment 16:45 The World Today 17:00 World News 17:09 Waveguide 17:15 Tis My Delight 17:45 Sports Round up 18:00 World News; News about Britain 18:15 Radio Newsreel 18:30 Brain of Britain 1981 19:00 Outlook: News Summary; Stock Market Report 19:43 Look Ahead 19:45 Report on Religion 20:00 World News; 24 Hours News Summary 20:30 A Jolly Good Show 21:15 Ulster Newsletter 21:20 in the Meantime 21:30 Business Matters 22:00 World News: The World Today 22:25 Book Choice 22:30 Financial News 22:40 Reflections 22:45 Sports Round-up 23:00 World News; Commentary 23:15 Merchant Navy 23:30 Moments of Being

CHANGES FOR FRIDAY

13:30 John Lennon 1940-1980 20:30 Thirty-Minute Theatre 21:45 Letter from London 23:30 Smash of the Day - Dad's Army

VOICE OF AMERICA FOR THURSDAY & FRIDAY

03:30 The Breakfast Show: 06:30 News, pop music, features, listeners' questions. 17:00 News Roundup: reports, opinion, anayses. 17:30 Dateline 18:00 Special English: news, feature "The Making of a Nation." 18:30 Now Music USA 19:00 News Roundup; reports.opinion, analyses, 19:30 VOA Magazine: Americana, science, culture, letters. 20:00 Special English; news 20:15 Music USA (Jazz) 21:00 VOA World Report 22:00 News, Correspondents' reports. background teatures, media comments, analyses.

AMMAN AIRPORT FOR THURSDAY

ARRIVALS:

8:15	Cairo
8:30	Jeddah
8:55	Aqaba
9:00	Ras Al Khaima, Dubai
	Kuwait
9:40	Dbahran
9:50	Doha, Bahrain
11:05	Rivadh, Dhahran (SA)
11:45	Rawalnindi (BA)

13:40	Lamaca
15:35	Kuwait (KAC)
16:15	Cairo
17:00	Tunis, Tripoli
17:00	Ayaba
17:15	Houston, N. York, Vienna
	London (BA)
	Cairo
	London
18:00	Amsterdam, Beitut (KLM)
18:25 .	Cairo (EA)
18:45	Rome
	Cairo
	Beirut (MEA)
	Baghdad
	Cairo
01.00	
DEPA	RTURES
3:00	Cairo
5:45	Damascus, Frankfurt (LH)
7:00	Aqaba
	Damascus, Frankfurt
	italia)

10:30 Lamaca 11:00 Amsterdam, New York

11:00	Cairo
11:15	Athens, Madrid
12:00	London
12:05	Rivadh (SV)
12:30	Geneva, Zurich (SR)
12:30	Cairo
12:30	Paris
	London (BA)
	Cairo
15:00	Aqaba
16:20	Kuwait (KAC)
19:30	Kuwait
	Cairo (EA)
20:00	Baghdad
20:00	
	Abu Dhuhi, Duhai

FOR FRIDAY

ARRI	Vals:
7:55 .	Cairo (EA)
8:30	Jeddah
8:55 .	Agaba
	Kuwait
9:20	Beirut
9:30	Duhai, Abu Dhabi
9:40	Dhahran
15:25	Tripoli, Benghazi
15:35	Jeddah, Medina
16:50	Cairo
17:10	Madrid, Athens
17:15	New York, Amsterdam
	Paris
	Kuwait
18:00	London
	Cairo
19:35	Zurich. Athens (SR)
	Frankfurt
	Beirut (MEA)
20:00	Frankfurt, Damaseus (LH)
21:30	Damasous (E11)

DEPARTURES

FOR THURSDAY DOCTORS:

ondon Cairo	Zarqa: Muneer Al-Akeel 83744/83092
s (SR) nkfurt MEA)	Irbid:
s (LH) nascus (EA) ghdad Cairo	PHARMACIES:

Ramzi Mazawi

Juseph Inisieh 55638/62390

. Beirut, Athens. Al Hadeetha Cairo (EA frbid: ... Beirut (MEA Ihn-Sina Frankfur 11:00 Vienna, N. York, Houston 11:15 Copenhagen, Athens TAXIS: .. Habi Benghazi, Tripoli Al-Rashied 22023 61001 . Kuwan Al Jamamah Damascus . 73106 ... Kuwait ... Baghdad **CULTURAL CENTRES**

American Centre ...

45 Dhahran 25 Cairo (EA)	British Council
EMERGENCIES FOR THURSDAY	Soviet Cultural Centre 44203 Spanish Cultural Centre 24049 Turkish Cultural Centre 39777 Haya Arts Centre 65195
CTORS:	Hussein Youth City 67181 Y.W.C.A
a'i Nafa 22954/62598 leed Sahawneh (Wuhdat)	Ammun Municipal Library 36111 University of Jordan Library 843555/843666
qa:	SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings Ali Al-Omari 72032/73974 every second and fourth Wednesday at the Grand Palace Hotel, 1.30 p.m. Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Intercontinental Hotel. 1.30 . 71140

Ambulance (vovernment)

at the intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Mee tings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m.

MUSEUMS

Folkore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old, Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round, Tel. 23316 Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours; 9,00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169 Jordan Archaelogical Museum:

Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan, Jabal Al Qu'u (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed on Tuesdays, Tel. 30128 Jordan National Gallery: Contains

a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jahal Luweihdeh, Opening hours: 10,00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. -6.00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays.

PRAYER TIMES FOR THURSDAY

¹Isha 7:4	4
FOR FRIDAY	
Fajr	
Sunrise 4:49	ı
Dhuhr 11:30	
*Asr	'n
Maghreb 6:23	
'Isha 7:45	i

LOCAL EXCHANGE **RATES** Saudi riyal Lebanese pound 80.4/81.2

Kuwaiti dinar 1183.0/1185.6 Egyptian pound 397/398 atari riyal 89.3/89.6 UAE dirham 88,6/89.1 Omani riyal 941.6/944 U.S. dollar 325.5/327.5 U.K. sterling 699,5/703.7 W. German mark 148.1/149.1 Swiss franc 163/164 Italian lire Dutch guilder 134,1/133.3 Swedish crown 68,7/69.1 Belgium franc 91,5/92

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

idea i government /	/5111
Civil Defence rescue	61111
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency) 3	6381-2
Municipal water service (emergency)	7111-3
roice headquartery	30141
Najdeb roving patrol rescue police. (English spok	en) 74
hours a day for emurgency	37777
Airport information (ALIA)	/92206
Jordan Television	73111
Radio Jordan	74111

Firstaid, fire, police	22090
Telephone:	
Information Jordan and Middle East trunk calls Overseas radio and satellite calls Telephone maintenance and repair service	10 17

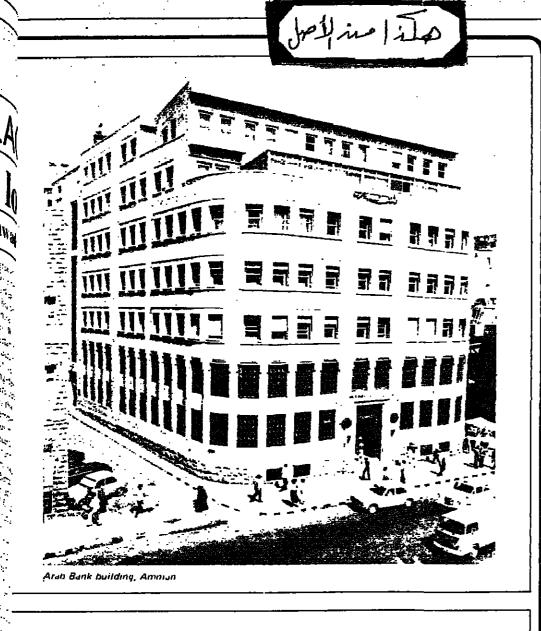
Japanese yen

(for every 100) 153/153.9

MARKET PRICES

	1		
omatoes	80	Carrots [100	80
ggplant 2(x)	140	Turnips	70
otatoes (imported) 120	1(90)	Bananas	200 أ
farrow (small)	80	Bananas (from makhmar)	160
farrow (large)60	40	Dates 250	250
beumber (small)210	180	Apples (American, Japanese	
ucumber (large) [10	80		- 1
eas14()	100	red, waxed) 450	450
tring beans220	180	Apples (Double Red) 270	220
otatoes (local)	100	Apples (Starken)	160
ettuce (head)	30	Apples (Golden)	200
Cauliflower	100	Oranges (Shammouti)	180
Sell pepper	220	Oranges (Valencia)	110
abbage 60	40	Oranges (Waxed)	īiöl
pinach90	90	Grapetruit 110	90
Onions (dry) 100	70	Lemon 240	180
Onions (green) 140	100	Coconut (apiece) 200	200
Jartie	140	Water Melons 230	230

(عملة ا صد الأحل



JORDAN TIMES

BANKING SUPPLEMENT

APRIL 30, 1981

Produced by IRSHAD NAJAM

How the banking system developed

By Jenab Tutunji Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — One might say that over the past five years, the banking system in Jordan reached maturity. Growth in this area has been spectacular in sheer size, but it is the brisk institutional changes, the emergence of investment banks, new financial instruments and secondary capital and money markets and a stock exchange that thave added flesh to the bones and introduced much needed sophistication to a system whose growth had been frozen for some years.

One banker remarks that prior to 1976, banking in Jordan was a purely local affair: it catered almost exclusively to the requirements of merchants, the size of its operations and volume of transactions was small and the system

was conservative, exhibiting little growth. Political stability following the hectic days of the late sixties and early seventies, a growing economy in a predictable environment. limited controls on a free market, government legislation that encourages private enterprise. liberal laws regarding Arab investment and a central bank that is responsive to the needs of the system have attracted funds and investors from the neighbouring oil-producing states and remittances from Jordanians working abroad. The sense of security is enhanced by the feeling that the legal system is fair: "You can appeal to the law and get your rights: you get a good hearing here." one banker remarked, adding that this is not always the case in other Arab countries.

The main growth has been in auxiliary institutions around commercial banks and the emergence of corporate markets and corporate institutions. The most significant institutional developments were the creation of the Amman Financial Market (AFM) or stock exchange in 1978 and the licencing of four investment banks during 1978-79: The Arab Jordan Investment Bank (AJIB), the Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan), the Jordan Securities Corporation (JSC) and the Jordan Islamic Bank, the last of which will operate along Islamic banking principles, as its name implies. There was also the establishement of the Pension Fund in 1977 and the Social Security Corporation in 1980, which are emerging as important entities in the field of Finance.

The most important functions of investment banks in Jordan is managing, underwriting and marketing corporate share and bond issues, managing syndicated loans, arranging foreign exchange deals, providing brokerage services on the stock exchange, managing portfolios of securities, accepting long-term loans and lending money on a long term basis. Basically, they are intermediaries between the productive sector which needs finance and both private and institutional investors with surplus funds.

The most important financial instruments introduced were local syndicated loans, pri-

vate sector corporate bonds and certificates

of deposit.

Although bonds had been floated for public corporations in the mid-seventies, in Septemebr 1979, AFC (Jordan) and AJIB got together to comanage and jointly underwrite the first bond issue for a private firm, the Jordan Cement Factories Company, aJD 5 million, 8.5 per cent issue that matures in 10 years.

The first tranche of a JD 10 million bond issue for Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, was floated in June 1980. It was managed, underwritten and marketed by AFC (Jordan), AJIB and JSC. The second tranche, worth JD 5 million, will be offered in May 1981.

Dr. Khalil Salem, chairman and chief executive of the Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan), and a former governor of the Central Bank, told the Jordan Times that his firm was involved in a JD 5 million bond issue for the Petroleum Refinery Company, a JD 2.5 million issue for the Jordan Timber Processing Industries Company and possibly a JD 6 million issue for the Resthouses Corporation to be floated this year. AFC (Jordan) is also talking to the glass factory to be set up in Ma'an about underwriting bonds for them.

One problem with the bond market is that the tax status of banks holding corporate or government bonds is unclear. In 1979, when they were first issued, the government declared interest earned on corporate bonds to be tax free. The same is supposed to apply to government bonds. But the income tax department went to court and obtained a ruling that whereas the tax exemption shall continue to apply to individual bond holders, banks and other institutional holders would have to pay tax. Bankers are up in arm about this, and there was a sharp drop in government bonds in the portfolio of banks, from JD 83.2 million in October 1979 to JD 54.4 million in June 1980.

This is a pity as the major bond holders are traditionally banks and institutional shareholders

Furthermore, despite the tremendous success of the Amman Financial Market, which has tripled its growth over each of the last three years; reaching a trading volume of JD 40million last year, this relates entirely to equity. The market is not developed in bonds or certificates of deposit, although government bonds are being traded on the market, and the Central Bank is thinking of issuing government bonds with a higher interest rate on condition that they not be redeemable by the Central Bank on demand, as is the case now.

Underwriting private sector corporate share issues is another new function on the market being undertaken by investment companies. In the second half of 1980, AFC (Jordan), JSC and AJIB underwrote a JD 1.48 million share issue for the Arab Aluminium Company (Aral). By the end of December, each of the companies was left with about JD 45,000 of Aral shares in its hands, with which they were not

displeased as the closing price on Dec. 31 was higher than the price the underwriters had said

Nevertheless, Dr. Salem says the management of share issues is sporadic. People are not encouraged to approach us on this as they want to avoid the payment of commission. But in the long run, this kind of activity will definitely expand, as people will come to recognise its advantages.

One also has to keep a close watch on the absorption capacity of the market. Dr. Salem remarks. You can t just dump securities on the stock exchange. Prices dropped on the exchange last year because the Ministry of Industry and Trade licensed fen new insurance companies at once.

One improvement he suggests is that "we should create a central authority which will approve the prospectuses for new security issues." The way it now works is that each prospectus has to be processed by the Central Bank, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Amman Financial Market and the Ministry of Finance. Such a body could be set up within the stock exchange, but Dr. Salem objects—I am completely opposed to this The Amman Financial Market is a place for trading, not for deciding financial and monetray policies."

Although syndicated loans predate the inv olvement of investment banks, managing such loans is one of the most inhortant services that investment banks now provide. The trend is to get away from Eurodollar laons and to replace some loans from the Eurodollar market with local syndications. The total volume of such syndications stood at JD 43 million at the end of 1980. The first one was signed in December, 1978 and the biggest was a JD 9 million. 11 year loan to Alia at 9 per cent interest and a five year period of grace guaranteed by the government with the Arab Bank acting as agent and lead manager, to finance the purshase of five Lockheed Tristars and One Boeing jumbo The Industrial Development Bank has been the lead manager and agen for three loans, and all three investment banks have been heavily involved in syndications.

Dr. Salem says AFC (Jordan) hopes to put together a JD 5 million syndication for the Jordan Refinery Co., and a JD 25 million syndicated loan for the Jordan Timber Processing Industries Company, (JTPIC). Thus the refinery and JTPIC would be mancing their requirements using both bond issues and syndicated loans. As it happens, syndicated loans are very attractive to local banks. They are deductable from the credit to deposits ratio. are demoninated in a stable currency that carries little risk, are government guaranteed and have all gone to finance well studied projects. It would have different had we been talking about under the mill projects, one banker commented.

The Central Bank has also been willing to provide the foreign exchange required for



Petra Bank

BANKING IS CONFIDENCE EXCHANGED

BANKING IS BEING THERE WHEN YOU ARE NEEDED.

BANKING IS FEELING WELCOMED WHEN YOU ARE SERVED.

We try to be all these things at PETRA BANK.

Our Branches are fresh and bright. Try us for all your banking needs!

Main Office: Municipality Street (Seil Street)
P.O. Box 6854 - Amman
Tel. 38361 Tix. 21868 PETRAB JO

Branches:

LOCAL!

City Branch Shmeisani Ras El-Ein Jbeiha Wadi Saqra Al-Hashimi : King Hussein Str. : Shmeisani - Amman

: Ras El-Ein Str.: King Hussein Str. - Jbeiha: Wadi Saqra Str.: Zahra' Str.

Abu Alanda : Main Str. - Abu Alanda Bayader : 8th Circle - Bayader Wadi El-Seir Karak : Al-Omary Mosque Str. - Karak

Millions of Dinars.

Cash on hand & in Banks

Cherdrafts & Loans

Deposits

Contra Accounts

15

10

178

1979

1980

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1980 IN JORDANIAN DINARS

1980 ASSETS 21,601,962 Cash on hand & in Banks 9,982,439 Portfolio Securities 125,000 305,000 Government Bonds 542,507 459,256 Local Shares & Bonds 4.918.687 7,769,329 Discounted Bills 13,453,751 22,868,597 Overdraft Accounts & Loans 384,000 1,256,610 Syndicated Loans 1,289,420 973,102 Net Fixed Assets 677,483 Other Assets 450,920 30,830,406 56,227,657 Total Assets LIABILITIES 1979 1980 6,509,758 10,523,968 **Demand Deposits** 9,407,305 25,642,014 Savings & Term Deposits 8,690,879 12,404,658 Bank's Deposits Cash Collaterals 2,523,481 3.021,805 General Provisions 256,156 482,392 Other Liablitities 309,577 864,030 3,000,000, 3,000,000 Paid up Capital 98,949 Legal Reserves 27,686 Other Reserves & Retained Earnings 105,564 189,841 JD Total Liabilities 30,830,406 56,227,657 **CONTRA ACCOUNTS** 9,797,793 9,816,767 LC'S 7,026,223 12,624,504 LG'S 787,272 4,865,977 Other Liabilities 27,288,274 JD 17,630,262 Total Liabilities

syndicated loans required for purchases abrcad, as in the case of the Alia loan. In other countries, if one needed the foreign courrency, one would have to borrow on the Eurodollar market. The Central Bank's foreign currency reserves are extremely high, so it can afford to do this.

For borrowers, the advantage is that local syndicated loans are cheaper than Eurodollar loans, although they cannot hope to replace or even match them at this time. They in practice carry a fixed interest rate, and are denominated in a very stable currency that is not any more likely to rise than it is to fall.

The big splurge in syndicated loans has been due to the number of major projects going up, and to the fact that the Central Bank felt that the dinar market was overliquid and that adequate interest rates were not being paid. The syndicated loans tightened up the

market a bit The Central Bank is also willing to refinance syndicated loans for investment banks just as it is willing to do for commercial banks. In measures adopted this year, the Central Bank also told investment banks it was prepared to rediscount their participation in shares or bonds issued by shareholding companies with a capital exceeding JD 5 million

Interest rates on corporate bonds and syndigated loans have exhibited a tendency to rise slowly, they no doubt have a promising future, in fact, any financing for a new, large scale project will probably need full orcnestration, using shares, bonds, syndicated loans plus short term loans and overdraft facilities for working capital.

Certificates of deposit, an important money market instrument, did not catch on at first because they were not sufficiently attractive. But when the Central Bank agreed recently to lower the reserve rates on CDs to eight percent they picked up. We are selling CDs now, one banker remarked. Their total volume is still modest however, standing at about JD 2.87 million,

Forward exchange deals were also inttoduced a couple of years ago, but their use is: still limited and banks that provide this service are operating under full cover, actually bioclaing the full amounts in foreign currency in panks abroad.

During the last five years, the number of commercial banks rose from 11 to 16, and their branches multiplied from 76 to 155. There are now five British and American banks operating in Jordan, Six regional offices for foreign banks were also licenced

The money supply (M2) increased at an annual average of 27.4 per cent during 1976-1980, rising from JD 358.9 million to JD 968.7 million. By February 1981, it had reached JD n 008 million

Geanwhile, the Jordanian public was showing a greater tendency to use banks. The

ratio of currency in circulation to money supply fell from 48.2 per cent in 1975 to 36.3 per cent in 1980, while quasi money (time deposits, either due on fixed dates or subject to notice) rose from 22.1 per cent at 40.1 per cent in the same period. Demand deposits increased slightly in relation to money supply. from 36.4 per cent to 39.5 per cent.

Total commercial bank deposits (including those in the Housing Bank) rose from JD 168.7 million to JD 808.5 million between 1975 and 1980. Thus while currency in circulation in relation to money supply dropped from 50.1 per cent of 36.3 per cent, the ratio of total deposits to the money supply rose from 60.7 per cent to 83.5 per cent.

Commercial bank credits (including the Housing Bank) meanwhile rose from JD 126.7 million at the end of 1975 to JD 563.9 million at the end of 1980, growing at an average annual rate of 34.8 per cent

Thus deposits grew almost 480 per cent in absolute terms while outstanding credit grew at about 445 per cent

Compared over a longer stR letch of time. the ratio of demand deposits to time deposits and savings deposits changed from 47:47.6 in 1964 to 36 48 16 in 1980, indicating a clear drop in the relative importance of demand deposits and a corresponding increase in savings deposits. But this does not indicate much, apart form the shifts in the interest rate structure, as savings deposits are not blocked. and are not that different from demand deposits other than in the interest they earn.

Interest rates on demand deposts in commercial banks fell steeply during the plan perind from 5 per cent to two per cent while interest on savings deposits rose by 0.25 per cent to 5.5 per cent and on time deposits by 0.35 per cent to 6.4 per cent.

One dramatic change, due to the relaxation of foreign exchange controls, was that the gold and foreign currency reserves of commercial banks increased from JD 19.2 million in 1976 to JD 205 million in 1980, showing a dramatic jump between 1979 and 1980 when the relaxation of control took place. The Central Bank's gold and foreign currency reserves. meanwhile climbed from JD 185.7 million to JD 417.4 million. Deposits by non-residents increased from 17.6 million to JD 133.2 million between 1976 and 1980, with a dramatic jump again showing between 1979 and 1980.

The increase in bank's liabilities in foreign exchange is to be attributed to the fact that Jordanians were allowed to keep accounts in foreign currency up to JD 10.000. Jordanians working abroad were allowed to transfer money in any amount and any currency, and that banks are also offering "offshore" banking facilities for Saudis. Syrians and Iraqis One major hindrance to this last service is

that there is not enough confidentiality. For-

Commercial banks are accused of shying

risk Another important development that would induce banks to advance money to development projects on a long term basis is if a regular and well organised inter-bank market develops. This is a distinct possibility within the coming two years, the Central Bank Governor, Dr. Muhammad Salid Nabulsi remarks. The association also argues that banks cannot be blamed if a high percentage of their outstanding credits goes to finance trade on a

a shortage of consumer goods

faces to this particular coin, as trade comprises both imports and exports. Although imports predominate, more of the credit for trade may well be channelled towards financing exports in view of measures the Cen-



A view of Amman's stock exchange

eigners opening accounts in foreign currency here have to send photocopies of pages in their passports to the Central Bank.

Commercial bank credits continued to be channelled mainly to financing trade and construction, although there was a shift in their relative importance. Credit for construction went up from 24.9 per cent of the total in 1975 to 30.7 per cent in 1980, while credit for trade declined from 40.5 per cent to 29.6 per cent. Credit for agriculture, industry and mining went up marginally from 16.2 per cent to 18.2

away from medium and long-term loans. The Association of Banks in Jordan replies that untill such time as long term deposits increase significantly or untill medium term certificates of deposit come to constitute a significant ratio of commercial banks liabilities banks cannot extend long term credit without undue

short terms basis, as this merely reflects the structure of the Jordanian economy, and the nature of activities of commercial banks. The association points out that imports account for 80 per cent of consuption in Jordan, and reducing credit to finance trade would lead to

It does note, however, that there are two

tral Bank adopted to encourage this at the end of last year.

In order to make cheaper credit and higher liquidity available to Jordanian exporters, the Central Bank decided to grant loans to commercial banks on the basis of export credit facilities made available by such banks.

Advances will be granted to commercial banks for maximum period of 180 days on the strength of documentary letters of credit in favour of Jordanian exporters, for up to 60 per cent of the value of the documentary credit: Dr. Adnan Hindi, executive director of the banks supervision department at the Central

One hundred and eighty day advances will also be granted to bank on the strength of documents sent for collection on the evidence of bills of lading for Jordanian exports, for up to eighty per cent of the value of the goods shipped, Dr. Hindi expalined.

Accepted and guaranteed bills of exchange drawn up in accordance with the documentary credit and bills of lading mentioned above will also entitle banks to 180-day advances from the central bank, he added.

intrest paid by banks on such advances will be at the prevalent rediscount rate, which is generally about six percent. Banks may in turn charge their customers interest at one per cent above the rediscount rate, plus half a per cent in commission, so that Joranian firms will by paying about 7.5 per cent credit instead of the standard 11 per cent.

On banker noted that the use of such facilities by banks has so far been limited as the spread, or difference between their lending rates and the cost of funds, is 1.5 per cent which is not an improvement over the market.

Commercial banking services have witnessed other innovations, such as the introduction of the use of computers in their operation. Petra Bank led in this field, and was followed by Citibank. So far they are the only

two banks to have introduced autom: *! One criticism of the services of com'21 banks is that they are concentrated in /.* One target for the new development p get them to increase their branches in of the country.

Commercial banks also tend to cate depostors. Furthermore, their credit f are monopolised by a few favoure tomers. In 1979, 48.7 per cent of all creilities extended went to 0.4 per cen ." number of individual and institution rowers.

Credit advanced by specialised cretitutions, apart from the Housing Ban. than doubled, rising from JD 25 millio . the end of 1975 to JD 57.3 million at the 1980, although this still remains m .. Outstanding credit by the Housing Ba reased dramatically, however, from JD

tion to 103.1 million. The role of specialised credit institute: still limited and they in general do not :: lending policies that will allow them luence the productivity of the credit if .

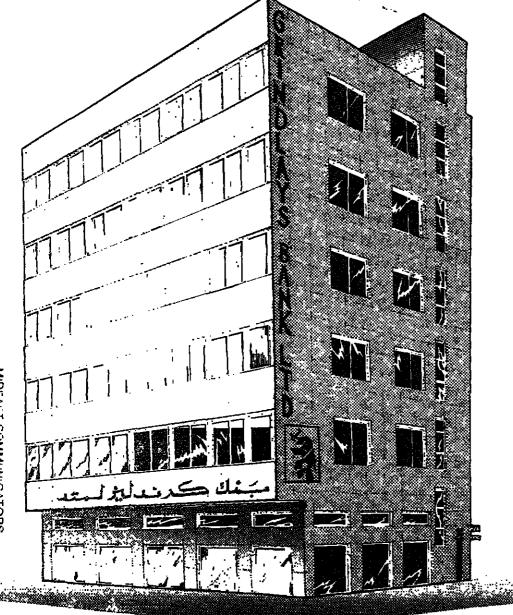
extend. As for contractual savings institution Pension Fund had investments totalling million by the end of 1980 and is slow! transformed into a holding corporate Social Security Corporation, which with ablished in 1980, had invested about million in industrial projects by the enc year. An increasingly impo role is foreseen for both institutions in. years. The Post Offuce Savings Fund t estments totalling JD 4.6 million at the

1980, as opposed to JD 0.75 in 1975. Development bonds worth JD 52 were issued during the 1976-80 plan about 50 per cent of which were bough. public JD 20 million worth of bonds w ued by public corporations during the period.

Seventeen new Jordanian insurance panies were licenced during the last fiplan period, with a combined capital or million. Two foreign insurance firms we licenced, bringing up the total of ins. companies operating in Jordan to 36, or

Money changers played a vital role flow of foreign exchange in and out country. New legislation that came into provides incentives for existing monengers to convert to shareholding compwhether private or public. Meanwhill Central Bank is only licencing public reholding companies among applicar licences. The objective is to consolida service such firms offer by getting the increase their capital and maintain books and standards of financial discir While some small operators may sufferprofession should benefit

Bank on Grindlays



An artist's impression of the new "Grindlays Centre , Shmeisani, which is scheduled for completion during May 1981 The building will house:-

* A new branch of the

Our Corporate and Multinational Banking Units.

The General Management Offices.

A Central Processing Unit for all our Amman Branches.

Grindlays

BRANCHES IN JORDAN: AMMAN (8), IRBID, ZERKA, AQABA, KERAK AND NORTH SHO-UNEH

Head Office: 23 Fenchurch Street, London

The British Bank of the Middle East

A Member of The Hongkong Bank Group

البسنك البريطاني للشئرق الاوسكط

Offices in

Bahrain · Djibouti · India · Jordan · Lebanon · Oman · Qatar Switzerland · United Arab Emirates · Yemen Arab Republic

> Other Group Interests in the Middle East The Cyprus Popular Bank Ltd. The British Bank of the Lebanon S.A.L. The Saudi British Bank Banque Internationale Arabe de Tunisie Middle East Finance Co. Ltd. Duhai-Abu Dhabi-Ras al Khaimah Wardley Investment Services Ltd. Wardley Middle East Ltd.

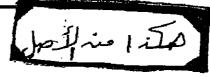
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Offshore Banking Unit - Bahrain

Head Office

1 Queen's Road Central Hong Kong Telephone: 5-2677-111 Telex: 73201

In London

Falcon House, Curzon Street, London W1Y8AA Telephone: 01-493 8331 Telex: 27544 195 Brompton Road, London SW3 1LZ Telephone: 01-581 0321/4 Telex: 8953821



11DDLE EAST

International Arab banking comes of age

key development in Middle banking over the past 12 hs is the heightened awais among the major insons of the international ext in which their business operate if they are to flo-. Domestic banking in the states or the North African itries might be profitable ome banks. But the marare, as a rule, narrow and nd frequently by govent or other restrictions ng the number and type of entrants and the business isting banks. It is to the intional market for taking sits and providing loans the banks of the next decare turning to. Profits are to come by because the petition of the past decade become so intense, but bankers willing to take the are convinced the rewards

e challenges and the oppnities are immense, and if feature of the last year is out it is a recognition hose banks backed by the wealth of the major Arab oducers will come to play a ificant role in the inttional scene. Arab banks y are in the same position West European and Amebanks found themselves ring the late 1960s as the markets started to dev-. The two groups from the nern hemisphere are esthed. The new institutions arriving, but are travelling considerable power at command.

1973-74 the member states

roleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) flexed their muscles and showed how they could use the oil weapon. Western economies were badly hit in the ensuing recession, the worst then seen since the 1930s. In 1980, the year following another very sharp rise in the price of oil and a deep depression in the West, the Arab states started to employ the money they acquired by creating institutions through which it be used effectively in the financial arena. New banks were born alongside those Middle East or Arab-orientated institutions which had emerged in 1975 and 1976 either in the Gulf or in Western Europe.

In the mid-seventies there appeared banks like the Bahrain-based Gulf Intemational Bank (GIB), and the Union de Banques Arabes et Francaises (UBAF) whose effective headquarters stand in a Paris suburb. By 1979 the two were numbered among the top 50 banks in the world handling syndicated credits. In 1980 the grandly named Arab Banking Corporation (ABC) opened its doors for business and its cheif executive, Abdullah Al-Saudi, made no bones about where the bank was going with the huge resources which were backing it: "ABC will become a major factor in international banking," he said quite simply. The bank is probably the largest manifestation of the emerging wave of Middle East banks.

Based in Bahrain, ABC possesses an authorised capital of \$1 bn of which \$750m was he Organisation of Petpaid-up in September — oneistry of Finance, Libya's Secretariat of Finance and the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority. Al-Saudi, who until March was

third each by the Kuwait Min-

the chairman of the Libyan Arab Foreign Bank, said in a recent interview: "The idea of forming ABC came to us three years ago. We felt that while Arab banks had a presence in the international market over the past decade, they had not had any real participation. Most of them have been constrained in their activities by the requirements of their central banks and by those of the market. There has been a great increase in international liquidity. It has not not been matched by an increase in their capitalisation.

"There is not one Arab bank, not even a consortium bank. among the world's top 100 banks - whether you measure size by capital or by profits. A consortium bank with capital of \$100m was big 20 years ago, but not today; it cannot hold its own among the world's leading banks. So we decided to create an institution which would be justified by the scale of Arab money that is available. We set out to create a bank which can take its place among the top 100, one which will be able to depend on its own resources."

The aspirations of al-Saudi match the size of the challenges facing Arab and Western banks. The surpluses of the OPEC states as a whole are expected to be in the region of \$120bn for 1980 with Saudi Arabia accounting for \$40bn, Iraq \$20bn, Kuwait \$16bn, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) \$12bn, Libya \$9bn, and Qatar \$3bn, according to the calculations of Chase Manhattan Bank, The accumulated supriuses of these states is estimated to be in the region of \$350bn.

The other side of the coin are the deficits faced by the industrialised states and the less developed countries (LDCs). According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) the deficit of the industrialised states is likely to be around \$50 bnl that

of the non-oil producing LDCs owned) Kuwait Investment Off-

The movements of funds from one group to another is where the banks come in. They are the intermediaries who handle the OPEC deposits and lend money out again to the deficit countries. In the process they make a profit. For six years this recyling was largely the preserve of the major Western banks like Bank of America, National Westminster, Banque Nationale de Paris and Deutsche Bank, in 1980 GIB and UBAF continued to play an important role, but with increasing frequency names like ABC, Al Bahrain Arab African Bank (Al Baab) and Arab Latin Americann Bank (Arlabank) kept cropping up in loans to the

non-oil producing LDCs. The development of the process received an unintended fillip from the freezing of Iranian assets in American banks by the US administration in retaliation for the taking of the hostages in Tehran in November 1979. Arab states, concerned similar action might be taken against them, moved less of their funds than previously into American of dollar deposits. The emerging banks of the Middle East benefited from the moves.

assets symbolised a greater awareness among banks of the way politics were intruding into the business. The question became particularly marked when Saudi Arabla and Kuwait lent their support to attempts, ultimately unsuccessful, to have the Palestine Liberation Organisation granted observer status at the annual meeting in reluctance to provide funds for the two bodies.

On the international level the roles of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA), Saudi Arabia's central bank, and the Kuwait Finance Ministry were thrown into high relief, SAMA, the (wholly government-

ice and the 80 per cent statecontrolled Kuwait Foreign Trading Contracting and Investment Company (KFTCIC) behaved like major intemational merchant banks during 1980. Amid considerable secrecy SAMA lent money direct to large US corporations like International Telephone & Telegraph, International Business Machines and Dow Chemical and to friendly states like

More publicly Kuwait, thr-

West Germany.

ough the KIO, made an unsuccessful attempt to buy a 15 per cent stake in Getty Oil for \$1 bn and did in fact spend large sums of money buying small but strategically important stakes in UK and US companies, apart from purchasing government bonds and real estate. in the UK, the KIO bought the Proprietors of Hay's Wharf property company. During May Kuwait invested \$63 m in a 10 per cent stake in Mettagesellschaft, the Frankfurtbased engineering group, to add to its 14 per cent holding in Daimler Benz and 25 per cent state in the Korf Stahl steel conbanks and held less in the form cern. A group of as yet unidentified Kuwaitis earlier in the vear spent FF 550m (\$132.5m) on buying a Paris office com-The freezing of the Iranian plex in a deal said to be the largest property transaction in French history.

> Kuwait's great merchant banking houses are known as 'the three Ks' - KFTCIC, Kuwait Company (KIC), and Kuwait International Investment Company (KIIC) privately-owned group. Bet-

ween them they were very active in the international bond the autumn of the World Bank market in 1980, lead-managing and the IMF. Part of their pre- or co-managing issues for a ssure involved making clear a number of major West European borrowers. But it was the re-opening of

the fledgling Kuwaiti dinar (KD) bond market that attention was focused upon. It was informally closed in September in the wake of a severe shortage of liquidity developing in the state as funds flowed into highyielding dollar investments. In fact the whole Kuwalti banking system found profits very hard for much of 1980, because of the relatively high interest rates ruling elsewhere in the world and the reluctance of the authorities to discourage outflows.

In August, however, when the

tide in US interest rates appeared to have turned, KIIC was allowed to reopen the KDS bond market with a 10-year KD 7m (\$26m) issue for the City of Oslo. It was greeted with enthusiasm by the Kuwaitis who are anxious to establish a credible international capital market in the Gulf, and shortly afterwards KIC brought the City of Stockholm to the market with a similar issue. Unfortunately, the development coincided with US interest rates climbing again and the outbreak of the Iraq-Iran conflict. The first prompted a rise in Kuwalti rates, sent the Oslo bond to a discount to its flotation price and raised questions about the immediate future of the bond market, while the second forced the central bank to step in with restrictions on the outflow of funds from the Further down the Gulf in Bah-

rain the conflict and the rise in US rates had much less-of an impact, indeed the key feature of the Bahraini banking industry of the year was the decision in June by the Bahrain Monetary Agency (BMA) to allow ten Japanese banks or financial institutions to set up various types of office on the island. The decision of the BMA, which in 1979 had imposed a moratorium on any more foreign banks establishing themselves, was in fact logical enough in that it had openly said it wanted to see more representatives in Bahrain of countries it felt were underrepresented in the banking community.

That community is becoming fairly crowded, particularly the offshore banking units (OBUs) which were allowed to develop from 1975 in a conscious effort to promote the island as a major

Bahrain has 19 commercial banks and one Islamic bank serving the local community. By the end of the July there were 58 OBUs. By definition they are allowed only to do business with customers outside Bahrain. The Japanese institutions. which are starting as representative offices between the autumn of 1980 and the spring of 1981, are expected to become fully-fledged OBUs eve-

In terms of being a force in the market, only some six to ten of the OBUs carry much weight. They include major intemational banks like Citibank, American Express, Bank of America, Chase Manhattan and Lloyds Bank International (LBI). Of the Arab banks with market clout Gulf International Bank is the prime example. Many of the other OBUs on the island consist largely of two men and a secretary. The assets they have on their books are relatively small - one of the major American banks accounts for about 10 per cent of the OBUs' total assets of nearly \$33bn - and often a loan will simply be booked there on the instructions of head office. The important OBUs possess marketing officers, numbering six to a dozen. and push hard to win business, particularly from neighbouring Saudi Arabia.

A key development for the island was the government's decision in August to raise a loan of \$300m on the international market, the first time it had done so in its own name. The loan was lead-managed by GIB, ABC and the National Bank of Bahrain plus seven leading intemational banks. In the end 27 banks subscribed to the loan in an exercise which enhanced the state's position as a major financial centre.

In nearby Saudi Arabia the banks operate under a much was underlined in a remarkable less liberal system, one hedged round with a large number of expectations the authority revrestrictions. Even so, the local alued, rather than devalued, the banking industry continued to riyal against the dollar. Many flourish in 1980. The Jeddah- foreign exchange dealers in

financial centre in the Gulf, based Riyadh Bank, one of the kingdom's big two, produced record profits once again for its financial year to May. Gross profit of SR 433 m (\$120m) was 135 per cent up on the 1979 level. National Commercial Bank (NCB) performed similarly. Not suprisingly, the industry expects further increases. possibly continuing the pattern of the last few years of profits doubling for each accounting period.

The major development during the year was the completion of the Saudi-isation of the foreign banks in the kingdom. The seventh and last to undergo the change was Citibank which became the Saudi American Bank. Those and the indigenous banks all expect to benefit from the five-year plan unveiled last May with its very large government spending programme. The single greatest constraint on the development of the banks in Saudi Arabia is, however, the size of their capital, apart from the existence of well-entrenched money-changers and the religious prohibition on the payment or receipt of interest. The projects being undertaken by the government are so large that the banks have to take care not to over-reach themselves in their commitments.

At the same time the whole system is closely regulated by SAMA. The kingdom has in the past 20 years been hit or affected by occasional financial crises either within the state or elsewhere in the Gulf. SAMA will seek to prevent any recurrence, especially in the way it places restrictions on the intemational use of the rival. The main line of defence involved demanding that major contracts be denominated in doilars. To SAMA the riyal was not to become an international currency. SAMA's determination fashion early in 1980. Against all



()atar

public

Jordan Securities Corporation

P.O.B. 926691 Amman - Jordan Telex 22258 JSCO JO Tel 62717, 62718, 65529 & 67614

Paid up Capital

2.000,000

A financial institution offering a full range of investment banking services in Jordan.

- Underwriting bond and equity issues
- Syndicated loans
- Stock brokers
- Financial management
- Portofolio management
- -Local project advisory and financial services
- JD and foreign currency deposit takers

Shareholders include:

European Arab Holding (Luxembourg) **International Finance Corporation** Kuwait Int. Investment Co. (Kuwait) Samuel Montague & Co. Ltd. (U.K.)

The Housing Bank **Arab Bank Limited** Cairo Amman Bank Jordan National Bank **Arab Land Bank**

Petra Bank Jordan Gulf Bank **Industrial Development Bank** Jordan Kuwait Bank **Arab Jordan Investment Bank** Established 1960 in Amman, Jordan

NK OF JORDAN LTD.



Offers complete Banking Services Correspondents throughout the world

As at 31st December, 1980

Capital: **Reserves:** JD 1,500,000

Deposits:

JD 2,107,911 JD 38,328,572

Total Assets:

JD 52,768,605

Head Office: P.O. Box 2140, Amman Telex, BANJOR JO. 21272 and 21946 Tel.: 44328, 42034

Chairman and General Manager: Husni Sido Al-Kurdi

Gen. Ziaur Rahman killed: Dacca says it's a coup attempt

NEW DELHI, May 30 (Agencies) — Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman was assassinated today in an uprising by troops in the port city of Chittagong. the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

U.S Air Force Titan officer charged

WASHINGTON, May 30 (A.P.) - A U.S. Air Force missile

launch officer has been charged with "visiting the Soviet embassy

in Washington on more than one occasion" without telling his

superiors, the Pentagon said yesterday. Second Lt. Christopher

M. Cook, 25, Richmond, Virginia, is "in pre-trial confinement" at

McConnell Air Force Base near Wichita, Kansas, the Pentagon

said. Lt. Cook was described as a missile launch officer for the

Titan, biggest of the U.S. intercontinental ballistic missiles. There

are 17 such missiles at McConnell, where officials said Lt. Cook

had been stationed since June of last year. Lt. Cook was charged

with "violating air force regulations which require reporting all

contacts with representatives of a communist country," the Pen-

tagon said. The case has also been referred to the Justice Dep-

12 rescued, 9 dead after 2 months at sea

HONOLULU, May 30 (A.P.) — Twelve people were rescued

from a small, overcrowded cabin cruiser that had been drifting

helplessly in the Pacific Ocean for more than two months, the

coast guard said. Nine other people are believed to have died

during the journey. The unnamed 6-metre vessel was on a short

inter-island journey in the Gilbert Islands when it disappeared

March 26, coast guard spokesman Keith Spangler said. The sur-

vivors were spotted by the helicopter of a large U.S. tuna fishing boat 1100 kilometres southeast of Guam, Mr. Spangler said. That

would put the ship more than 2080 kilometres west of Tarawa, its

original destination, he said. "They were just expecting a two-

hour trip," Mr. Spangler said, "It was really tightly packed." He

said officials learned of the deaths when the survivors were picked

up yesterday afternoon, Many of the survivors were dehydrated,

but there was no other word on their condition. He added it was

not clear whether the nine dead people remained on the ship or

Rhodesian colonel to head S.A. army

JOHANNESBURG, May 30 (A.P.) - The former commander

of Rhodesia's elite anti-black nationalist guerrilla unit has been

appointed acting commander of the army of the South African

black homeland of the Transkei, the Rand Daily Mail reported.

The Mail said Col. Ron Reid-Daly, who formerly headed Rho-

desia's Selous Scouts, was not available for comment. But Tra-

nskei Prime Minister George Matanzima confirmed the app-

artment for possible prosecution for other alleged offices.

Bangladesh Radio, monitored in New Delhi, said the rebels had seized the Chittagong radio station and set up a revolutionary council.

An Indian government spokesman in New Delhi said the 45-year-old president was shot at the official guest house in Chittagong early this morning.

Bangladesh Radio said a state of emergency had been declared in the country and called on Maj. Gen. Manzur Ahmed, commander of the Chittagong army garrison to surrender.

Gen. Manzur, a known opponent of President Zia, was transferred to Chittagong from Dacea just over a month ago. Ind-

ian official sources said. PHI quoted a Chittagong Radio announcement as saying that the 1972 treaty of friendship between India belonged to Bangladesh, A dispute over the island had been a factor in a recent worsening of relations between New Delhi and

Telephone and telex links between India and Bangladesh were cut off today and the Bangladesh Biman airline cancelled its mor-

ning flight from Dacca to Calcutta. Indian intelligence sources in Calcutta said it seemed the army in Bangladesh was divided and that Chittagong was in the hands of the rebels.

The sources said they feared a civil war might break out in the

Bangladesh Army Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. M. Arshad asked Gen. Manzur to "surrender immediately" to the government, the radio said in a broadcast monitored in Calcutta.

Gen. Arshad said a "so-called revolutionary council" headed by Gen. Manzur had taken control of the Chittagong radio station, but maintained that other members of the country's armed forces were loyal to the government.

He called on all members of the

duties faithfully.

Vice-President Abdus Sattar took control of the government in Dacca and proclaimed an "internal emergency" which he said was necessary "as the security of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has been shaken by intemal disturbances."

As acting president, Mr. Sattar also suspended all civil rights



Gen. Ziaur Rahman

under 12 articles of the constitution, forbade people to seek redress through the courts and hanned all meetings and public gatherings.

A curfew was declared in Dacca, and some reports said it had been extended to all major cities in Bangladesh. Army troops were reported in the streets of the capital, but there was no indication of any violence.

The assassinated president was born Jan. 19, 1936 in the northern city of Bogra in East Bengal, then part of British India. His father was a government scientific officer. Young Zia joined the Pakistan army in 1953 and was commissioned in 1955. Between 1959-64, he worked in army intelligence and distinguished himself in action during the 1965 Indo-Pakistan war as the only Bengali commander at the time.

He became an instructor at a military academy in West Pakistan before joining the Eighth East Bengal Regiment at Chittagong in

In the following year, when civil war erupted hetween West Pakistani troops and East Pakistanis who demanded greater autonomy, he quit his army job and joined the rebels. He made the historic broadcast declaring independence and commanded the first brigade of the new nation known as the

Force". From that time onward, except for a five-day period in November 1975 when he was briefly arrested in a coup and freed by loyal soldiers in a counter coup, he emerged as one of the infant nation's most charlsmatic and powerful

He lived simply with his wife Begum Khalida and their two young sons in a small bungalow instead of at the sprawling presidential palace occupied by his predecessors.

President Zia travelled frequently abroad and described his political ideas as "absolute faith

army not to be provoked by ins- and trust in Almighty Allah, deminuations and to discharge their ocracy, nationalism and soc-

> President Zia and his supporters had shown concern at the return to Bangladesh earlier this month of Mrs. Hasina Wazed. daughter of assassinated president Mujihur Rahman and new leader of the opposition Awami League

Mrs. Wazed, who had been living in exile in India for six years. received a tumultuous welcome from her supporters on returning

to Dacca.

She demanded the trial of her father's assassins, many of whom had been sent on diplomatic assignments after Gen. Zia assumed

In New Delhi, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi expressed shock over the assassination and described the late president as a man with statesmanlike vision.

In a message to Acting President Sattar, Mrs. Gandhi recalled pledges by both countries for closer friendship and mutual con-

Peking offers Taipei peace gesture on Soong's death

PEKING, May 30 (R) - China. in a peace gesture to nationalistruled Taiwan, today invited friends and relatives in Taiwan of the late Honorary Chinese President Scang Chingling to attend her funeral in Peking at China's exp-

Special flights of Taiwan's China Airlines could land at Peking or Shanghai for the occasion. according to an announcement issued by the funeral committee for Madame Soong, the widow of Chinese nationalist leader Sun

The announcement, quoted by The New China News Agency a day after Madame Soong died of leukaemia here at the age of 911. said "All of Comrade Soong Chingling's relatives and friends in Taiwan are welcomed to attend the memorial service," which is scheduled for next Wednesday.

"The funeral committee will bear all the expenses," the statement said.

Such a gesture by Peking had been widely expected following the death of Madame Soong, who was the only member of her famous nationalist family to throw in her lot with the Chinese communists when they conquered the mainland in 1949.

After becoming critically ill in mid-May, Madame Soong was admited to the Chinese Communist Party and appointed to the unique post of honorary president of China as a reward for the great service she did to the communists by backing them.

Madame Soong's sister is the widow of nationalist leader Chiang Kaishek, whose son Chiang Chingkuo is the current Taiwanese president.

Madame Chiang, whose maiden name is Soong Meiling, lives near New York and thus technically is not eligible for the Chinese invitation which specified friends and relatives in Taiwan.

But western diplomats here said it would be a great propaganda coup for Peking if Madame Chiang and President Chiang Chingkuo, who is Chiang Kaishek's son by a former marriage, came to

But they also noted that the nationalists have steadfastly rejected previous Chinese appeals for direct trade and communications links, refusing to have any dea-

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Jordan's first judo tournament

AMMAN, May 30 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan today delegated Minister of Culture and Youth Mr. Ma'n Abu Nowar to open the first official judo tournament in Jordan which was held at the University of Jordan campus. Thirty two contestants of different weights competed in the events and the five winners received their prizes and trophies from Mr. Abu Nowar. The minister also presented four other trophies, which were gifts from Prince Hassan to the British supervisors who organised the events. The Jordanian Judo Federation announced after the tournament that the five winners will be sent to China for a one-month training period in preparation for the international judo tournament which will be held in Indonesia.

Protest against New Zealand

SYDNEY, May 30 (R) - Officials of the Kuwait and Chinese Football Association (F.A.) said in a weekly soccer newspaper here that New Zealand should be banned from the World Cup if South Africa's rugby union tour went ahead. The tour of New Zealand starting in July prompted the comments by Sheikh Al-Zavad Al-Ahmad of the Kuwait FA and Lo Bi-Tang of the Chinese FA in Sydney's "Soccer World." Al-Zayad Al-Ahmad was quoted as saying in Udailiyya. Kuwait, his country would consider lodging a protest to FIFA, soccer's world governing body, if the South African tour went ahead, and that FIFA should bar New Zealand. Committee member Lo Bi-Tang is quoted as saying in Peking that China would be unlikely to compete against New Zealand if they maintained sporting contacts with South Africa, and if the rugby tour went ahead they should suspend New Zealand. The "Soccer World" story also makes the point that FIFA President Joan Havelange came into power with strong support of African and Asian nations and supports Third World countries on such political issues.

A day out on the Epsom downs

LONDON, May 30 (R) - Walter Swinburn, a fresh-faced 19year-old, has a great chance next Wednesday of becoming one of the few teenagers to ride the winner of the Epsom Derby. Britain's most important horse race. Swinburn, who rode his first winner less than three years ago, is lucky enough to be on one of the hottest Derby favourites for years: the Aga Khan's Shergar. The colt won his two pre-classic races this season by 12 lengths and 10 lengths, showing form which leaves that of his rivals far behind. A tremendous responsibility rests on the rider of a Derby favourite, for the difference between victory and defeat can mean millions of dollars in the value of a horse for breeding purposes. But Swinburn, son of successful Irish-based jockey Wally Swiburn, is a rider to bear the burden lightly, despite his youth. During his short career he has demonstrated talent and coolness far beyond his years. Nevertheless, it will be a testing experience for the young rider when he goes to the post on teeming Epsom Downs in the 201st Derby, a race which has become a British national festival. Upto half a million people are expected on the Downs for the annual Derby day outing, including about half the gypsy population of Britain. The wealthy and the not so well off. the old and the young, horse-racing buffs and those without an genuine interest all find an immense appeal in the unique carnival of Derby day. A giant fairground and sideshows of all sorts provide amusement for those to whom the racing is secondary. While racegoers in the grandstand regale themselves on smoked salmon, various fowls and champagne, stalls out on the downs do a roaring trade in jellied eels, the prime delicacy of the cockney (native Londoner).

It is an unlikely background for a horse race of such serious import. In just over 21/2 minutes of racing action on the 1.5 horseshoe-shaped, twisting and undulating course, the destination of more than a quarter of a million sterling in prize money and many more times that amount in bets will be decided, and the ralue of the winning horse will be elevated to something up to fiv million sterling for breeding purposes. Derby day acquired its extraordinary atmosphere quite early in the history of the great classic race. As far back as 1829, the times newspaper said: "The whole world was at Epsom yesterday." American novelist Henry James marvelled at "the gross plebeian jollity" of the occasion, adding that the "finer vibration" lav in having a bet on the race. About half the adult population of Britain feel finer vibrations on this annual occasion. The Derby is one of two races, the other being the Grand National steeplechase, on which everyone has the urge to place a wager. And during the running of the historic race the attention of millions is focused on the downs as they watch the race on television. The race is named after Edward Smith Stanley. 12th Earl of Derby, who won the toss of a coin with Sir Charles Bunbury to decide which of their names the new race should bear. It was just another loser for Sir Charles, whose love affair with racing led to his wife leaving him. The race was small beer at first. Diomed, the inaugural winner, was sold to the United States for £52.5, which would not buy a hair from the tail of next Wednesday's victor. But soon Derby day was adopted as an annual day out by Londoners of all sorts and conditions and by early 19th century it had taken off. Even artists came under its spell, and Derby day scenes have been the inspiration for thousands of paintings. Nowadays the crowds may not be as mixed as they once were, when aristocrats rubbed shoulders with cutourses and rogues of all kinds seeking to prey on those simple enough to fall for their wiles. But it remains the world's most colourful racing

Wales and Russia drop a point each

WREXHAM, Wales, May 30 (R) - The Soviet Union held group leaders Wales to a goalless draw in a World Soccer Cup qualifying match today in which each team dropped its first point in the competition. The Welsh, who dominated the first half but later faded, have not conceded a goal in five group three matches. The qualifying places are being contested by the Welsh, the Russians and the Czechoslovaks, who remain a point ahead of the Soviet team but have played an extra game. The Russians squandered an early chance when David Kipiani shot high, and at the opposite end Terry Yorath, recalled from North American soccer, headed narrowly over the bar. Teammate Joey Jones put a header over goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev but on to the roof of the Soviet net. Defence in numbers carried the visitors through the first half but later they attacked with skill and variety. Wales lead group three with 9 points, followed by Czechoslovakia 6, Soviet Union 5, Iceland 2 and Turkey no points.

French Open briefs

PARIS, May 30 (A.P.) - Sweden's Bjorn Borg, seeking the men's title for the sixth straight time, qualified for the quarter finals by defeating Paul Antoine Torre of France 6-2, 6-1, 6-2 today at the French Open tennis tournament. Meanwhile, Chris Evert Lloyd favourite to retain the women's crown downed Eva Pfaff of Germany 6-3, 6-1 and moved into the last 16. Argentina's Guillermo Vilas, the No. 6 seed, demolished countryman Ricardo Cano 6-1, 6-1, 6-0, and 14-year-old KathyRinaldi upset No. 8 seed Dianne Fromholtz 6-3, 7-5. The 24-year-old Australian left-hander was the first women's seed to be eliminated. American Gene Mayer, the No. 4 seed, suffered a recurrence of a wrist injury and retired from his match with Victor Pecci of Paraguay, Pecci was leading 6-4, 2-1 and moved into the last 16. Jimmy Connors advanced to the third round of the men's competition yesterday against François Caujolie of France who he encountered last year in one of the most astounding comebacks in the 90-year history of the clay court tournament, No. 3 seed John McEnroe of the United States turned back Chile's Aime Fillol 6-3, 6-0, 6-1 yesterday, the first day without a rain interruption since the tournament began Monday.

IRA says nine inmates will contest Irish elections

BELFAST, May 30 (A.P.) - Rioters hurled stones and petrol bombs in Londonderry early today and Britain's top minister in Northern Ireland Japped a ban on scheduled marches by Roman Catholics and Protestants,

British troops and local police fired plastic bullets to guell the distrubance in the predominantly Roman Catholic Bogside area of Londonderry, the province's second-largest city, a police spokesman said.

He said, there were no injuries and described the unrest as "mild" compared with previous violence in the city. Belfast, the provincial capital, was reported quiet.

Northern Ireland Secretary Humphrey Atkins, acting at the request of police, banned rival marches planned for tonight by supporters of the Maze prison hunger-strikers and Protestant

"The police are satisfied that if these two events are permitted to could occur," said a spokesman who did not want to be identified.

The move followed an announcement that nine imprisoned Irish Republican Army guerrillas, including the four hunger-strikers, intended to run for office next month in the neighbouring Irish Republic.

Dublin's H-Block committee, which coordinates support for the Hunger-strikers in the prison's H-shaped cellblocks, said it would nominate the nine Tuesday and put up the £100 deposit required for each candidate in the June 11 elections.

Normally heavy security for Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey, who is seeking re-election,

was tightened even further today following discovery of an unexploded bomb at one of his campaign offices. The device was found in his Fianna Fail Party's headquarters in the border town of Castleblaney shortly before the

No group claimed responsibility for planted the bomb, which observers said was an apparent warning to Mr. Haughey from Rep-

prime minister's arrival.

ublican extremists over his alleged inactivity over the Maze hunger-

The IRA earlier claimed to have staged a series of disruptions Thur day night during campaign appearances by Mr. Haughey in which he was struck by an egg and jostled.

Officials said new security measures for Mr. Haughey would include rigorous checks of all bui-ldings he was likely to use,

Christian Democrats throw in their lot with Forlani

ROME, May 30 (R) - Christian Democratic leaders today pledged support for Prime Minister-designate Arnaldo Forlani, faced with the task of forming a new coalition government after a scandal over a secret Masonic lodge.

Mr. Forlani consulted parliamentary leaders of his party about the strategy he will pursue when he begins delicate negotiations on Monday aimed at putting together a new administration.

The parliamentary leaders urged positive action to get to the roots of the "P2" scandal, which brought down Mr. Forlani's four-party coalition last week.

"The party leaders confirmed their full solidarity with Mr. Forlani for a strong, popular initiative which, together with the Socialist and lay Democratic parties, would allow the major political and economic problems to be faced, and in particular hitting certain secret influences, terrorism and all forms of criminality," deputy Gerardo Bianco said after the meeting.

Political analysts said Mr. Forlani will try to form a coalition similar to the last one, which linked his party with the Socialists, Social Democrats and Republicans, possibly enlarging it to include the

Liberal leader Valerio Zanone confirmed his willingness to join a new government at his party's national congress today.

"We have conditions to propose to the prime minister-designate and we are offering our collaboration. Our line is for a five-party coalition which would have a constructive relationship with the opp-

The Socialists, however, whose supports is vital to any coalition not involving the opposition Communists, say they want a complete change of direction and will not be content with minor ministerial

Hanoi puppet or Kampuchea strongman olutionary Council, charged with has been in charge of political

PHNOM PENH: Pen Sovann, a shadowy veteran of revolution with solid pro-Vietnamese credentials, is expected to emerge as Fampuchea's strongman when the Phnom Penh regime unveils a new government set-up and a Communist Party over the next few months.

Government officials say Pen Sovunn, 45, who took up arms at the age of 14 to fight the French colonialists, holds the key to power as head of the still-secret Communist Party. He is also widely believed to be the most likely candidate for the presidency of the state council, a new position which carries with it the command of the armed forces.

had been buried at sea.

ointment, the paper said.

This triple role in the party, the military and state machinery would place Pen Sovann high above a motely leadership group which owes its position and power to Vietnamese forces which toppled the Pol Pot regime in early

This group includes pro-Hanoi communists like Pen Sovann --Pol Pot followers like Heng Samrin who defected not long before the Vietnamese invasion, and, at the lower levels, those who served in the U.S.-backed government of Lon Nol which fell to Pol Pot's army in 1975.

The few non-communists who have met Pen Sovann say he appears uncomfortable in dealing with foreigners but exhibits considerably more intelligence and grasp of issues than Heng Samrin who has been generally described

as "very unimpressive." Western Indochina watchers also note that he is probably more trusted by the Vietnamese and less tainted by association with the Pol-Pot than men like Heng Samrin who only defected to the anti-Pol Pot forces in May, 1978.

Although Pen Sovann has held power for 28 months and stood as a candidate in general elections held here May 1, the thin, bespectacled leader is little known among the general population and the regime has made no attempts to fill in the large gaps in his off-

icial biography.

Asked basic questions about Pen Sovann by reporters on election day, one voter apologised for his ignorance and another hurried over to consult an 11-line Pen Sovann life story displayed at all of Phnom Penh's polling booths.

The official biography says he was born in 1936 of poor peasants in the southeastern province of Takeo. "Ired by the revolutionary ideal" at age 14, he fought courageously in the southwestern reg-

graphy says.

Although the biography is almost silent about the 1954 to 1970 period, it is almost certain that Pen Sovann was among those Kampucheans selected to receive military and political training in communist North Vietnam. Like others in the current Phnom Pen regime, Pen Sovann is fluent in Vietnamese and is believed to have a Vietnamese wife, things cited by many Kampucheans, especially refugees, as proof that the Phnom Penh regime is Hanoi's 'puppet.'

The biography says only that he studied at a "higher military college," served as an assistant division commander in the war against U.S.-backed governments in Indochina and worked in Hanoi 1970-73 for the radio of the National United Front of Kampuchea, who fought against Lon' Not and included not only the Pol Pot side but onetime Kampuchean leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

Pol Pot's faction carried out ruthless purges of its own ranks even as the war against Lon Nol raged. Pen Sovann, according to the biography, split from Pol Pot in 1973 "to follow the true revolutionary road." In a 1979 speech Pen Sovann described Pol Pot's terror tactics in gruesome detail and said he personally had

"suffered a lot." On Jan. 8, 1979, a day after Vietnamese forces took Phnom Penh. Pen Sovann was elected vice preion against the French, the bio- sident of the People's Revheading up national defence.

The council and the National Kampuchea is to be replaced within the next two months by National Assembly, a Council of State and a Council of Ministers. A constitution to be adopted by the assembly spells out that the Communist Party, as in other com- standing ties with the Vietnamese. munist countries, will be the main

political force.

The Phnom Penh regime hopes to both consolidate its power int-United Front for the Salvation of ernally and to legitimise itself before an international community which still recognise the Pol Pot regime in the United Nations.

power hierarchy are others in the current government with long-

Also expected to rise in the pwer hierarchy are others in the These include Bou Thang, who

education, Say Phou Thang, pre-

sident of the central organising

committee and possibly a key

go-between for Vietnamese adv-

isors and Yos Por, the secretary-

ASSOCIATED PRESS



Will a change of leadership benefit Yampucheans? (Gamma photo)

معكدًا صد الأحل

...TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE!

By Jenab Tutunji ecial to the Jordan Times

IAN, April __ Jordan can forward to the devment of money and tal market instruments the emergence of strr secondary markets greater specialisation livision of labour in final intermediation over iext few years, Central a officials and banking rts agree.

idicated loans, introduced э local market three years nad reached a total volume 43 million by the end of The Jordan Bank's Assson expects the volume of cations to average JD million a year during the :1985 plan, reducing the int of foreign borrowing, if

slancing it. The plan env-

3JD 880 million in soft for-

oans over the coming five

itral Bank Governor Mohad Sa'id Nabulsi notes that 12. dollar loans peaked in then declined, thanks to syndications and bond s floated by public cor-. ions on the Jordanian

it. Such bonds had a

ined value of JD 20 million en 1976 and 1980. rate corporate bonds are er recent introduction. entral Bank would like to onger-term private and corporate bonds on the market. So far they have issued for the medium five to eight years at 6.5 int interest in the case of corporations). Synd loans have a life ranxetween seven and eleven

--- Central Bank will promore long-term finance, naturity dates stretching -15 years, and more insnal diversification, Mr. san Ephram, of the Central

at nine to ten per cent ins-

told the Jordan Times. Christopher Coleman, is with Samuel Montagu Co. Ltd., a shareholder in Jordan Securities Corporation, (JSC), is on loan as an advisor to JSC. He noted that bonds issued in Jordan have a fixed interest rate, "although we incorporate a clause saying that if the Central Bank changes interest rates we shall have the option to change coupon rates. But this is not satisfactory to us, the subscriber or the issuer."

The problem is that bonds with a fixed interest rate become unattractive if potential subscribers expect high inflation or a rise in commercial lending rates. The majority of bonds issued throughout the world today now have floating rates, pegged to the LIBOR (the London inter-bank offered rate) for instance, and are allowed to fluctuate every six months, Mr. Coleman said.

The absence of a semiformalised inter-bank market which will allow a six-month rate to be fixed is an obstacle, he remarks.

It is not that banks don't borrow from each other: but this is done on the basis of personal contacts between bank managers. There is substantial inter-bank trading, but it is still on an ad hoc basis. There is no regular market, there is no supply and demand movement every hour or every day, although dealings in one month are not negligible, Dr. Nabulsi notes. There is an upcoming role for finance companies to shape up an inter-bank market, he adds.

"I don't see any reason why interest on bonds and syndicated loans can't fluctuate. on a periodic basis if indexed to an inter-bank rate," Dr. Nabulsi

"So far we have not issued anything in the way of regular syndicated loans and coupons: we have not issued enough to form a market," the governor adds. "Sophistication is a matter of time, perhaps it will come within the next two years."

The authorities will encourage commercial banks to issue short and medium term certificates of deposit, the Central Bank says. Certificates of Deposit (CDS) were first intnot catch on until the Central Bank lowered the legal reserve rates on C.D.s to 8 per cent. The Association of Banks in Jordan (ABJ) remarks in a paper on the role of banks in the 1981-85 development plan that if CDs were to come to constitute a significant item in the portfolios of commercial banks, then they could afford to engage in longterm lending which they cannot do now because of the risk element in the absence of a regular

inter-bank market. A new financial instrument which may be introduced in coming years is financial paper. according to the Central Bank and the framework of the new plan. Commercial paper will allow corporations with a strong financial position to borrow from each other without resorting to commercial banks. They are commercial bills rather like bills of exchange or informal, short-term negotiable bonds which can be issued and traded with the intermediation of investment banks.

Jordan is clearly headed towards more sophisticated use of money and capital market instruments, aithough one banker noted that perhaps commercial paper should not be introduced until we could make better use of the existing instruments.

On the capital market side of things, the emergence of a wider spectrum of instruments attractive to investors and borrowers will be encouraged.

Amman Financial Market, which is trading only in equities and government bonds, will start dealing in corporate bonds as well. On the money market side, the Central Bank would like shorter term paper, such as CDs and commercial bills under one year to be traded on the exchange, investment companies should intermediate more between banks and financial institutions, the authorities think.

The Central Bank would also like to issue government bonds at two different interest rates, with the higher rate being paid by those that are not redeemable by the bank and have roduced by Citibank, but did to be traded on the stock exc-

The development of financial instruments and intermediaries will introduce much needed sophistication to the stock exchange. An increase in the volume and diversification of financial paper is needed to absorb liquidity flowing into the country because of transfers from abroad such as remittances by Jordanian working outside, which came to perhaps JD 300 million last year, -- otherwise we will be faced with classic case of too much money chasing too few goods - and to satisfy the financing requirements of emergent corporations.

The increasing sophistication will allow the Central Bank to intervene on the stock exchange to either absorb liguidity or to pump it in. If the market acquires a large portiolio of government debt, then the Central Bank could affect the interest structure by manipulating the interest rate on

To further involve the public productive investment, the authorities are contemplating the provision of margin finance by banks through brokers to individual investors. This is already being done in a small way. In addition, the standard and requirements of financial disclosure will have to be strengthened to give investors a more adequate idea of what they are putting their money

In addition to promoting the role of investment banks, the government will encourage contractual savings institutions such as the Pension Fund, the Social Security Corporation, the Post Office Savings Fund and insurance companies.

The Social Security Corporation manages and invests funds deducted from the salaries of employees of the larger private sector firms (5 per cent from the employees and eight to ten per cent from the employers). The framework for the new plan predicts that the corporation's investments during the 1981-85 plan period will amount to JD 200 million.

invests funds allocated for retof money market intermediaries irement benefits deducted from which borrow from commercial banks to finance their holdings the salaries of government and army personnel, had invof money market assets," the Central Bank says estments totalling JD 34 million The authorities would like to at the end of 1980. The fund is in see a stronger market for fact turning into a holding company, and it is proposed in

amended to allow for this and to

permit the fund to act as a pro-

These measures to str-

engthen the capital and money

markets will, to some extent,

result in the transfer of fin-

ancing activities from one type

of institution to another, but

on balance and over a period

of years, each class of financial

institution should have con-

tinued growth and profitability

as the overall size of the system

grows," according to the Cen-

The mix of business for

commercial banks will change.

'For example, the development

of a commercial paper market

and a corporate bond market

can be expected to reduce

commercial banks' direct len-

ding opportunities with the lar-

ger and more credit-worthy

corporations. However, this

business should be more than

replaced by an additional vol-

ume of business with medium

and smaller size enterprises

which are not suitable for sec-

urities market financing, but

which will emerge at an inc-

reasing rate as secondary ind-

ustry expands in importance,

The composition of the ass-

ets and liabilities of commercial

banks is also expected to cha-

nge, as they come to hold more

certificates of deposit and their

participation in syndicated

loans increases. "The most

important development in ban-

king, perhaps, will be the active

participation of commercial

banks in the money market,

the CBJ savs.

tral Bank of Jordan (CBJ).

per investment company.

inter-bank deposits. The banks' association has proposed to the the new five-year plan that the Central Bank that inter-bank Pension Fund be allowed to deposite be treated as regular issue bonds which will be condeposits in calculating the legal vertible into the shares of comreserve requirement rather than panies to be established later as liabilities on both depositing which will engage in productive and accepting banks. ventures. It is recommended The association expects savthat company law, and the charter of the Pension Fund be

ings by the public to grow. It predicts that longer term deposits (time and savings) will climb to 75 per cent of the money supply (M2) in 1985 as against 63.8 per cent in mid-1980.

On the basis of data up to mid-1980, the association projects that commercial bank deposits (excluding foreign currency deposits) will reach JD 1,343 million by the end of 1985 and outstanding credit will account to JD 1173.6 million, giving a credits to deposits ratio of between 86.8 per cent and 87.4 per cent.

It points out that commercial banks could finance long-term agricultural and industrial credit by lending to specialised credit institutions if the government is willing to guarantee such loans.

One development that will help reduce outlays for new projects is a plan that is under way to establish a leasing company for the first time in Jordan, dealing in construction machinery and computers. The prime mover behind the idea is Petra Bank's chairman Ahmad Shalabi.

The association also wants interest earned on bonds purchased by commercial bank to be tax exempted, the Central Bank advocates legal "encouragement to public shareholding companies, as well as to money and capital market instruments, specially longterm corporate bonds.

The new plan framework further recommends the use of

aspecially with the emergence monetary policy, such as interest rates and legal reserve requirements, to promote long term deposits and dealing with financial securities.

> The document notes that the effectiveness of specialised credit institutions is still limited. Dr. Ziad Fariz, head of the research department at the Central Bank, says that although credit extended by such institutions (excluding the Housing Bank) rose from JD 25 million in 1975 to JD 57 million in 1980, planners are faced with the problem of how to channel funds towards specialised credit institutions so that they can increase their credit facilities to the productive and socially accepted sectors, such as agriculture, industry, housing and municipal projects.

Although such institutions get their funds from the government or through soft loans. and extend credit at rates lower than commercial banks (ranging between 4.5 and eight per cent in 1980), he suggests that they attract some of the funds that would normally go to commercial banks by accepting deposits, as their law allows. and incresing their interest

Their present low lending rates would depress any interest they could pay on deposits, so they cannot provide incentives for people to place their deposits with them. Their interest rates would have to go up, and brought much closer to those of commercial banks, to create such incentives. This tactic was used quite successfully by the Housing Bank.

This, on the face of it, goes against the stated rational for the creation of specialised credit institutions. Nevertheless, the choice is between leaving these institutions with a limited or symbolic role or stimulating them towards a more active role and getting them to find investment channels for their new

Bringing the interest rate structure of specialised credit insallow them to borrow on the projects in Jordan.

inter-bank market, and reduce fragmentation in the banking sector. If the cost of capital is similar the movement of capital throughout the banking system

will be much easier. One argument against this is that the productive sectors and municipalities need cheap credit.Nevertheless, their contribution could be to increase the liquidity they make available rather than to reduce the cost of capital. It would be a trade-off between the specialised credit institutions remaining relatively idle or making more efficient use of their capital.

True, Dr. Fariz admits, demand on such institutions may not be so great, but what about potential demand? The new plan recommends a more aggressive policy on the part of these insitutions in looking for projects to finance, helping them get off the ground and increasing their productivity.

Dr. Fariz argues that if we want to help socially acceptable projects, fiscal policy, such as tax exemption, is a better policy than the prevailing one. This would be more coherent with the general economic policy of the country, he adds.

The plan framework suggests that the capital of the Industrial Development Bank be increased, that commercial banks be given incentives to lend to specialised credit institutions, that the Cities and Villages Development Bank be amended to allow it to participate in the capital of productive municipal projects and utilities and that the Housing Bank extend greater credit at preferential rates to low income housing.

Other proposals for the banking system in the five-year plan framework are to encourage savings by smaller investors, establish an insitutute that will guarantee deposits below JD 10,000 and guarantee small agricultural, industrial, municipal and construction loans, encourage banks to open branches outside the capital and to establish branches abroad to chatitutions into line with that of nnel funds from Jordanians commercial banks would also working abroad into investment

"In the Name of God, Most Compassionate, Most Merciful"



JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK

Finance and Investment

:dan Islamic Bank will be pleased to render all banking nsactions to all customers who wish to deal in harmony :h Islamic Shariat.

2 1950 or ultimate objective is to render all banking services d all financial investments in compliance with Islamic gislation, refraining from paying or receiving interest.

j...595

37.445

12.240

5,130

;7.410

.0.550

3,06⁹

41.2

·2,315 ·

4,65° 8,938 4,53°

Jordan Islamic Bank is operating through four branches.

Jordan Islamic Bank has achieved good results during its short business activities which started in 1979.

We append below some figures denoting its steady progress, as at 31st, Dec., 1980:-

JD

Registered Capital Paid-up capital Total Balance Sheet 'Deposits Investments Cash and Banks **Documentary Credits** Guarantees

4,000,000 2,000,000 15,465,575 11,652,104 6,746,021 6,586,194 1,878,642

1,211,828

Head Office

Shmeisani, opposite to Ministry of Justice P.O.Box: 926225 Amman - Jordan Telex: 21125 (ISLAMI JO) Cable: ISLAMBANY

Amman Branch

Fing Faisal Street, P.O. Box: 7987 Amman Telex: 21032 (ISLAMI JO)

Zerqa Branch

Bab El Wad Street, P.O. Box: 1937 Zerga

Al-Hussain Branch (Amman)

Jabal Al-Hossain, Al Shibli Bldg. Yhalid Ben Al-Walid Street, P.O. Box: 926943, Amman Telex 22265 Islami Jo. Wahdat Branch (Amman)

Madaba Str. Wahdat, Amman P.O. Box: 16165 Telex 22192 Islam W

BANK ALMASHREK

BRANCHES:

LEBANON:

HEAD OFFICE

(9 Branches) 52 Riad Solh Street P.O. Box 1524 Telex: 20648 LE & 21605 LE Beirut - LEBANON

JORDAN:

AMMAN MAIN OFFICE

King Hussein Street Tel. 24161/2/3 Telex: 21120 & 21318 JO

P.O. Box 1226

JABAL AMMAN BRANCH

Jordan Insurance Bldg., Third Circle Tel. 42283/4

PETRA STREET BRANCH

Petra Street Tel. 24265/24281

QATAR: DOHA

P.O.Box 388 Tel. 23981 Telex: 4257

We are an Affiliate of Morgan **Guaranty Trust Company of** New York

BANKING SUPPLEMENT

It is proposed to consolidate and better regulate the services provided by money changers through gradually transforming them all into private or public shareholding companies and getting them to apply more adequate publicity procedures. The law governing the activities of insurance companies is to be updated and the establishment of reinsurance companies to be encouraged. Insurance companies will be given incentives to increase their capital, and branches or representative offices of foreign firms may be required to bring a minium amount of their capital into Jordan. The Central Bank's data collection from insurance companies is to be improved as

The framework for the new five-year plan recommends that the interest rate structure be made more flexible and allowed to evolve gradually, and that interest rates be allowed greater manoeuvrability so as to promote savings and enhance monetary stability.

The Central Bank is the only authority that can fix lending or borrowing interest rates. Fairly recently it won the right to break out of the confines of anti-usury laws dating to the Ottoman period, and effectively allowed banks to raise their lending rates above the 9 per cent ceiling by permitting them to charge commissions.

There is a one per cent margin between the prime lending rate of 8 per cent and the 9 per cent ceiling on interest proper. Commissions can take this up another one to one and three quarters per cent for Jordanian borrowers or up to two per cent for non-Jordanians.

"We have calculated a reasonable spread" to cover cost, expenses and risk, Dr. Nabulsi says. Two per cent is very reasonable in my opinion, and our bankers are getting between two and two and three quarters per cent.

At present the term structure of deposit rates in commercial banks is two per cent on demand deposits, 5.5 per cent on savings accounts and 6.4 per



Dr. Mohammad Said Nabulsi cent on time deposits. But these are floors rather than ceilings. Dr Khalif Salem, chairman and chief executive of the Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan), says his company pays 7.5 per

cent interest on six-month deposits, more for a year, if they can get them. Commercial banks are said to pay as much for substantial deposits.

Of course, investment companies have the advantage that their reserve requirements are lower than commercial banks, and they do not have to satisfy their legal reserve requirement of 5 per cent until their deposits reach JD 5 million. Dr. Salem wants the reserve requirement for investment companies waved althogether. Such requirements increase the ective cost of funds.

The legal reserve requirement for commercial banks was made 11 per cent on savings and time deposits and 14 per cent on demand deposits as of October 21, 1980, down two per cent on each type of deposit as compared to 1979 and one per cent down compared to

effectively regulated one way only: there is a floor but no ceiling, he says.

We put a floor and a margin for banks in credit operations. Dr. Nabulsi says. "But they can exceed the margin, they alwas have in one way or another, we never intervened." There is some freedom for banks to charge more, and they have been doing it.

"The interest rate structure in this area tended to push dowanwards," he says. "We had to oush up what banks pay depositors.

One can get negative interest rates with inflation. It didn't matter so much in the 1950s and the sixties, "but inflation. specially in the seventies, exposes the low level of interest

"Our policy is to raise the general evel of interest rates: we push upwards, not dowanwards," Dr. Nabulsi says.

Should the Central Bank free interest rates to market levels? Some bankers argue that inflation has been running at over 11 per cent a year, and that depositors were therefore pen-The Central Bank governor alised Low interest rates can argues that interest rates are also drive funds out of the cou-

ntry, creating a liquidity crisis. The flow into dollars, with its high interest rates, can dry up the dinar market and the interbank market, which is every banker s nightmare. Totally free interest rates would combat the flight of funds.

In more developed economies, if commercial bank rates are low, there are a number of intermediaries who will move in and attract funds to a number of local avenues for investment, such as equities. bonds, participation in new ventures, real estate development, etc., which will keep the money in the country. But Jordan does not have a large number of intermediaries who can compete with the banking

Nevertheless, the flow of funds into Jordan is much greater than the outflow. The Central Bank is also very responsive to the problems of the banking system; it furthermore acts as a lender of last resort, although many banks shy from resorting to the Central Bank. Banks also have much leeway because of Central Bank facilities, including treasury bills and govemment bonds, in the even that governor of the Central Bank, day-to-day or weekly basis, but ager of Citibank, says tha liquidity dries up. No one is worried on this score. Because of the low interest rate on the dinar as compared to other currencies, local companies with strong financial backers abroad cannot draw on the resources of such backers to invest in Jordan. Furthermore, one investment banker notes: "We do not profit very much from deposits in foreign exchange, because we accept them at curent rates abroad. If I were to give a depositor 13.5 per cent. I could not afford to lend at nine to 11 per cent on the local market. So foreign exchange deposits cannot be used except to boost the image of our firm abroad." Dr. Salem, who is a former

says: "The interest rate structure is developing towards a natural level. It is not easy to isolate Jordan from international money markets, nor is it a simple task to defend your interest rates forever. But I prefer to keep interest as steady as possible. The moment we increase interest rates, we will undermine the prices of securities which were issued under lower insterest rates. Our investors are not used to such losses in their capital outlays.

"Nor are we sophisticated enough to use interest rates as an instrument of monetary pol-

The Central Bank does not manipulate interest rates on a

on a long-term trend basis. Nor does Jordan yet have the size of open market operations, credit squeeze or encouragement measures or the degree of control over government deficit financing to pump liquidity into the market or absorb it. It is also difficult to control both supply collected. "The Jordanian r and demand sides of the equ- should be at a lower into ation, as Jordan relies so hea- rate because that is the war vily on imports to meet demand. ernational markets work."

If interest rates were to increase by, say, one per cent, that allow interest rates to exwould not promote savings gradually over the conbecause of inflation. Even if you years, under the control of were to tell enterpreneurs that Central Bank. One estima they have to borrow at 13 per that if interest rates were cent instead of 11 per cent, that lowed to fluctuate freely. would not discourage them."

Mr. Salim Raza, general man- around 12.5 per cent.

Jordanian dinar is a prencurrency, it depreciates ver tle, "so you would expect have a lower interest rate opposed to the dollar, . which fluctuates so rapidly interest earnings could be tly eroded by the time then

The solution seems to t ding rates would stabilis



THE FRENCH BANKING **GROUP LOCATED IN 75 COUNTRIES** HAS NOW OPENED **A REPRESENTATIVE** OFFICE IN AMMAN

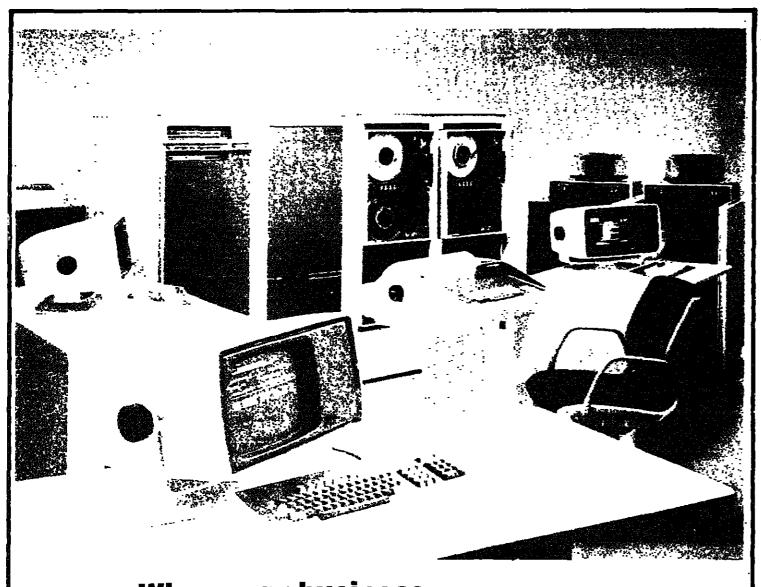
BNP

1980 - Total Balance Sheet FRF 488, 629, 517, 494 Issued Capital FRF 1,632,580,000



BANQUE NATIONALE DE PARIS

3rd Circle, Prince Mohammad St. 6th Floor, Anani Bldg. Tel. 43932 Telex 22104 NATPAR JO, P.O. Box 926884 Amman, Jordan.



When your business expands and your computer can't where does that leave you?

It leaves you with some expensive equipment you can't use. It'll also leave you a little wiser.

Data General computers are designed to be completely flexible, which means they can be expanded in several directions at any time: The hardware. The software. And the peripherals. Data General go from U.S. \$10,000 Microprocessor to a U.S. \$1,000,000 multiprogramming network. Whenever you're ready. Because when you grow, Data General computer systems can grow with you. This way, what you're left holding on to is your original investment.

Data General knows about fast growing business. It started ten years ago and is now one of the fastest growing computer companies in the world. With over 90000 systems in 60 countries Data General are third largest in systems shipped.

If you think of a computer system that can grow with your firm, one that offers the best price/performance ratio, then Call: 44801 - 43801 or write to: P.O. Box 927060 Amman. You don't just buy a computer system, you buy a whole computer company.

JORDAN DATA SYSTEMS

Data General



CAIRO AMMAN BANK (CAB)

Cairo Amman Bank, a Jordanian Public Share-holding Co., was established in Jordan on July 1, 1960, to takeover the Amman branch of Banque du Caire S.A.E. Cairo.

Head quarters Principal activity Directorate

M.G. Contacts

Financial Information as at December 1980 : Amman

: Commercial Bank

: Ishak Abu Khadra

Reserves and **Retained Profit** No. of shares Total Assets Dividends % over

: Jawdat Sha`sha`a

Usama Asfour

: Capital 1978/1979/1980

General Manager Deputy General Manager Assistant General Manager

JD 2.5 million

Chairman and

JD 2.4 million 500,000 JD 77 million

12% / 15% / 15% respectively

Principal Shareholders

: Jordan Civil Service Fund Yarmouk University Investment Fund Banque du Caire SAE, Cairo

Branches

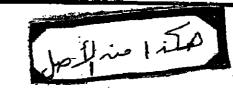
: Main Branch, Station Road, Jebel Amman, Jordan University, Jebel Weibdeh, Jebel Hussein, Wihdat, Quaismeh, Maadi, Zerqa, and Irbid.

Sub-Branches

: Yarmouk University, Jordan Interconti. Hotel, Jordan University Hospital.

Branches under establishment

: Wadi Seer, Irbid Industrial City.



CAPSULE PROFILES OF BANKS IN JORDAN

ARAB BANK LTD.

ie Arab Bank Limited was unded on the 21st May, 1930, Jerusalem by Mr. Abdul meed Shoman. And it becne a Jordanian bank on the , h July, 1964. Mr. Shoman's lentless efforts - in spite of e two devastating regional strubances (1948 & 1967) nich saw Palestinian territory ss under Israel control - have ought the Bank in the froine of international banks. day the Arab Bank has brahes in Jordan, Bahrain, lypt, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar. inusia, the United Arab Emiles North Yemen, France. eat Britian and Greece. The stability in the Arab World ampted the Bank to set up bsidiaries and affiliates, pri-

urily in Europe and Africa. It 's also participated in synated loans in foreign curicles. At the end of 1979 its are totalled the equivalent of seven years (1972-79) the

lance sheet total grew 9.2 ies - (from JD 213 061,000 in 72 to JD 1,958,569,000 in 79). The balance sheet of 30 shows a paid up capital of 2,201,844,273 -- a rise of out 11.2% from the previous

. Abdul Maieed Hameed oman is chairman of the

RAB LAND BANK

ab Land Bank was estlished in 1947 with its head ice in Cairo's Abdel Khaliq arwat Street. It's regional ad office in Amman is located ar the third circle of Jebel ıman.

It has 7 branches in Jordan: ıman, Jebel Amman, Marka, rqa, Irbid, Mafraq and Rus-

In 1979, the Bank had the id-up capital of (Egyptian unds) EL 5,000,000 and the serves of EL 1,747,680.

Mr. Ahmad Amin Ali is its Prelent and Mr. Taha J'afar is its neral Manager.

ARAB JORDAN INV-**ESTMENT BANK**

The idea of establishing an investment bank in Jordan for the first time, was launched in 1976 by Mr. Abdul Kader Qadi, present chairman and general manager of Arab Jordan Investment Bank.

His aim was to integrate Jordan with Arab International capital markets through the establishment of a merchant bank capable of introducing this kind of banking in Jordan, Mr. Qadi was able to win the support of leading Arab Banks, Govemmental bodies and financial institutions - who were finally convinced of his idea and decided to be among the main founders of the Bank, Qatar National Ban, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, Arab Investment Co., of Riyadh, Arab Libyan Foreign Bank, National Commercial Bank of Saudi Arabia, The Pension Fund of Jordan, The Housing Bank of Jordan, The Arab Bank Limited of Jordan, Cairo Amman Bank of Jordan, Bank of Jordan, Petra Bank of Jordan. The Jordan National Bank and the Jordan insurance Co., are the Bank's founder members. The Bank commenced business on the 1st November, 1978, with a paid-up capital of

five million Jordan Dinars. Its first financial year ended on 31st December, 1979 with total assets of over JD 42 million and JD 539,837 net profits. At the end of its second financial year total assets were over JD 50 million and net profits for the

year amounted to JD 778.290. During this short period of its life, AJIB concentrated its activities on money market operations at both the local and international level. Special emphasis was also put on offshore banking, which, as originally envisaged, helped the further linking of Jordan with other Arab and International financial markets. In the process of promoting and developing capital instruments in Jordan, AJIB cooperated with other two merchant banking institutions in Jordan, viz. Arab Finance Corp. (Jordan) and Jordan Securities Company (both licensed for merchant Banking business subsequent to AJIB) in the underwriting business of Bonds and Equities, which had not existed in Jordan before these

institutions were established. Mr. Abdul Kader Qadi, Chairman of AJIB had his M.A. ir Economics from University of Oregon, U.S.A. in 1959. He is presently the Director of Financial Affairs to the State of Qatar, Chairman of another Investment Company in Switzerland, and member of the Board of Directors of the Housing Bank and other various international Banks operating in the Gulf and Europe.



Charles J. Gress **BANK ALMASHREK**

Bank Almashrek was established in 1972 with its branches in Lebanon, Jordan and Qatar. It has three branches in Amman. Total branches in Lebanon are nine and one branch is in Doha, Qatar.

Bank Almashrek is affiliated to Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, New York, The management of the Bank is also run by the same Trust Co. of New York - which is one of the world's largest banks and has branches all over the world.

The registered paid-up capital with reserves of Bank Almashrek in 1980 was JD 1.4 mil-

Mr. Charles J. Gress is the regional manager of the Bank in Amman, Jordan.

BANK OF CREDIT &COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL

The Bank of Credit & Commerce International was launched internationally in 1972 from a small pad - Luxembourg and since then it has been soaring up and up. This fact has certainly helped its growth in 46 countries of this globe:

BCC was founded with earnest belief that the business community needs a communication system to help solve its financial problems - a system which never breaks down and is humanly computerised.... And this principle has been meticulously maintained by BCC at all its 199 branches all over the world out of which 99 branches alone are in the Arab World.

BCC was estbalished in Jor. A Member of dan in June, 1975, and has now three branches in Amman.

The end of 1980 saw the capital fund swelling to U.S. \$293 million and the assets to U.S. \$5.3 billion at BCC.

Mr. Agha Hassan Abedi, a banker of international repute, is its President and Mr. Fakhri Bilbeisi is its regional manager in Amman.

BANK OF JORDAN LTD.

Bank of Jordan Ltd. was established in 1960 with only one a 51% interest). branch in Amman and with a paid-up capital of JD 250,000.

With the economic growth and progress of the country -the Bank has grown too. Today the Bank has 18 branches in Amman and two are in Irbid - Salt and Sewelieh. The three of The Middle East (BBME) branches in the West Bank are extends over a period of 92 temporarily closed. The bal- years. ance Sheet of the Bank in 1980 shows Total Assets of JD

52.768.605. chairman and general manager



A.D.E. Dawson

THE BRITISH BANK OF THE MIDDLE EAST

THE HONG! ONG BAN! GROUP

The HongKong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's principal commercial banking subsidiary companies are The British Bank of the Middle East and Mercantile Bank Limited (both of which are wholly owned subsidiaries, incorporated in the United Kingdom), Hang Seng Bank Limited (in which HSBC has a 61% interest) and Marine Midland Banks, Inc (in which HSBC has

The Hong Kong Bank Group, which has a Capital of Sterling pounds 2,152 million is easily the biggest bank in the world in terms of market capitalisation. The Group operates through Jordan. Seven of them are in more than 800 offices in over 45 countries. Its areas of particular and one branch each at Kark, strength are The Middle East Ma'an, Ramtha, Madaba, Jer- Asia and North America.

ash, Aqaba, Ajloun, Wadi Seer, The history of the British Banki

In 1889 a concession was granted to found and maintain a state bank in the Persian Mr. Husni Sido Al Kurdi is Empire under the name of the Imperial Bank of Persia. It expanded rapidly and followed up its success in Persia with the opening of branches at Bombay and Calcutta in India, and at Basra and Baghdad in Iraq. In 1949 the Iranian Government introduced regulations which eventually led to the complete withdrawal of all its banking operations in that country by 1952.

The restrictions in Iran coincided with a rapid expansion of its branch network, and between 1942 and 1952 offices were opened in Amman, Kuwait, Bahrain, Dubai, Muscat, Beirut, Jeddah, Tripoli (Libya) and Aden. After discontinuing operations in Iran a new charter was granted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1952 with the banks title becoming The British Bank of The Middle East.

CONTROLLED EXPANSION

A further period of consolidation and controlled expansion ensued during the 1950's and branches were opened in Sharjah, Qatar, Tunisia and Abu Dhabi. By 1959 conditions were sufficiently changed for the Bank to be able to return to Iran, through a 49% owned associate, the Bank of Iran and the Middle East. In 1959, an arrangement was concluded with The Hong Kong And Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC), whereby the latter purchased all the shares of BBME and The Hong Kong bank now owns 100% of the equity.

The banks in Iraq, Aden and Libya were nationalised. The Kuwait Government formed a which took over the BBME business in 1971. Under similar conditions the bank transferred its business in Tunisia to a new bank entitled Banque Intemationale Arabe de Tunisia to whom BBME holds a 15% equity share. Similarly in 1974 the bank disposed of its interest in

Morocco. As a result of this process of nationalisation the bank purchased 100% of the equity of the Trust Bank of Lebanon subsequently renamed The British Bank of The Lebanon in 1971. In Cyprus BBME acquired 20% of the equity of the Cyprus Pop-

These two further ventures serve to emphasise the increasing diversity of the BBME into related business. The first, The Middle East Finance Co. Ltd., Dubai-dealing in hire-purchase has helped to meet the demand for financing consumer durables, and the second, Wardley Middle East, also in Dubai, has provided a much needed merchant banking arm.

In Saudi Arabia the process of Saudisation of the BBME reached its completion in 1978 the three BBME branches were incorporated into The Saudi British Bank, The new Bank has a capital of SR 300 million of which 40% is held by BBME. The Saudi British Bank now has eleven branches and continues

te expand rapidly. Conditions in the changing and developing areas in which the bank has operated and still operates have called for policies of flexibility and adaptability. Such policies have enabled the bank to serve its customers well ever since 1889 and should enable it to do so in the future too.

OPERATIONS IN JORDAN

BBME opened its first branch in Amman in 1949 and have since new bank entitled the Bank of opened three other branches in

Kuwait and The Middle East, the capital: Jabal Hussein 1970, Mahatta 1974 and Abdali 1975

and one in Jerusalem in 1954. Recently the bank has been updating its office in King Hussein Street and a new Management Office for the Jordan Area is being opened in

Shmeisani.

In early 1982 an IBM on-line computer system is scheduled to be installed in the King Hussein Street Branch connecting all the branches in the capital. It is expected that the introduction of the computer will enable BBME to provide its cuetomers with the best possible service.



Jawadat Sha'sha'a

CAIRO AMMAN BANK

Cairo Amman Bank (CAB) was established in Jordan on July 1, 1960, to take over the Amman branch of the Banque du Caira SAE. Cairo.

Today CAB has six branches in Amman at Station Road. Jebel Amman, Jordan University, Jebel Hussein, Wihdat and Qwaismeh. And a branch each at Maadi, Jordan Valley, Zerga, Irbid and sub-branches at Yarmouk University and at Jordan Intercotninental Hote!. The branches in Irbid's industrial city and Wadi Ser, Amman, are under establishment. The five branches at Jerusalem, Nablus, Ram.

ARAB BANK LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1980

ASSETS

Cash in hand & at banks Items in transit Bonds (government & other) Investments (including subsidiaries) Bills discounted Loans to customers Bank premises (less depreciation) Furniture & equipment (less depreciation)

Other assets **Total Assets**

Customers' liability on quarantees. credits & acceptances (per contra)

Balance Sheet Total

ABDUL MAJEED ABDUL HAMEED SHOMAN

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LIABILITIES

Deposits & other accounts Items in transit Capital authorized & fully paid (JD 10 per share) Statutory reserve General reserve Voluntary reserve Undivided profit

1980 1979 JD JD

1,413,278,339 1,187,965,780 2,169,846 11,000,000 11,000,000 11,000,000 10,000,000 21,000,000 26,000,000 16,000,000 13,000,000 8,296,990 6,025,615 3,864,500 3,312,750

1,489,439,829 1,254,473,991

712,404,444 704,094,656

Balance Sheet Total

2,201,844,273 1,958,568,647

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Umm Alqaiwain

S = 4 3"

P.O. Box 8 and 68 Telex Arabnk JO 21273 and 21620

(Amman) P.O. Box 2711 Telephone 44134 Telex Arabnk JO 21069

Jabal Hussein (Amman) P.O. Box 8348 Telephone 25137 Telex Arabjh JO 21154

Luweibdeh (Amman) P.O. Box 9105

21854

Telephone 38673 Telex Arablu JO

Mahatta St. P.O. Box 6904

Wahdat (Amman) P.O. Box 16067 Telephone 71122-3

Marka (Amman) P.O. Box 15450 Telex Arabka JO

Agaba P.O. Box 37 Telephone 3545-8

P.O. Box 16

irbid

Telephone 2251 - 2 Mazera'a Telex Arabnk JO 51539

Zerka P.O. Box 145 Telephone 83381 - 2 Telex Arabnk JO 41421

Jerash P.O. Box 109 Telephone 51349

Lebanon Beirut P.O. Box 1015 Telephone 250240-9 and 251151 - 9

Telex Arabnk 20704 LE **Ras Beirut** P.O. Box 5187 Telephone 340630-1

Telephone 310629 Telex 21335 LE

Tripoli P.O. Box 379 Telephone 620120-4 Telex Arabit 21815 LE Oman

(Tripoli) P.O. Box 379

Saida P.O. Box 199 Telephone 724501

Research Department (Beirut) P.O. Box 1015 Telephone 250240-9

Telex Arborg

21172 LE

Yemen Arab Republic Sana'a

P.O. Box 475 Telephone 5558 Telex Arabnk YE 2239

P.O. Box 991 Telephone 722831-4 Telex Arabnk

Ruwi P.O. Box 5010 Telephone 702536 Telex Arabnk MB 3623

Matrah P.O. Box 3169 Telephone 734378-9 Telex Arabnk MB 3508

419.086,706 394,446,228 5,832,358 6,910,678 1,376,132 1,492,267

1979

JD

79,538,591

8.952.435

54,935,893

4,485,204 2,992,934 1,489,439,829 1,254,473,991

941,097,311 679,188,352

1980

JD

4,892,000

80,107,832

15,936,542

42,642,357

712,404,444 704,094,656

Salala

MB 7661

P.O. Box 8891

Telex Arabnk

Telex Arabnk

GJ 8232

Telephone 460005

2,201,844,273 1,958,568,647

Net profit (for distribution)

Total Liabilities

Guarantees, credits & acceptances (per contra)

KHALID ABDUL HAMEED SHOMAN

Jordan	
Amman	

(Amman) Telephone 38161 - 9 Telephone 51375-7 Telex Arbams JO 21463

Jabai Amman Telex Arabwa JO 21824

> Telephone 91008-9 21080

Telex Arabnp

22807 LE

(Beirut)

Telephone 602383

Telex Arabsd 23661 Lf

Arabian Gulf Bahrain Manama P.O. Box 395 Telephone 255988

MB 3285 Muharraq P.O. Box 22295 Telephone 322426 Qudaibiya

> P.O. Box 395 Telephone 258438 Offshore Banking Telephone 334111 Unit (Manama)

(Manama)

P.O. Box 813 Telephone 256398-9 Telex Arabak GJ 8647

Qatar Doha P.O. Box 172 Telephone 321570-3 Telex Arabnk

DH 4202 and 4752 Alkhaleej St. (Doha) P.O. Box 3058 Telephone 321850

United Arab **Emirates** Abu Dhabi P.O. Box 875 Telex Arabnk

EM 2257

Telex Arabnk

GS DH 4480

St. (Abu Dhabi)

> Telex Arbahs EM 23310 Alain P.O. Box 1212 Telephone 41328

Telex Arabok

EM 33522

Telephone 323526

Almaktoum St. (Deira) P.O. Box 11364 Telephone (04), 228847 - 5 Telex Arbnk EM 46126

Telex Arbnk

EM 45442

Deira[®] P.O. Box 1650 Telephone 221231

Shaik Hamdan P.O. Box 3285 P.O. Box 3065 Telex Arbk EM 46933

> Aiman P.O. Box 17 Telephone 422431

> > Nakheil

Telex Arabank EM 99152 Ras Alkhaimah P.O. Box 20 Telephone 28233

(Ras Alkhaimah)

Telephone 28437 - 3

P.O. Box 4972

Telex EM 99276 Sharjah P.O. Box 130 Telephone 353994 - 5 Telex Arabnk

68223

P.O. Box 328 Telephone 432812 Telephone 66047 **Fujairah** P.O. Box 300

> Egypt Cairo P.O. Box 2006

and 746218

Telephone 746137

and 92781 Tunisla

Tunis P.O. Box 520 Telex Arbank 12293 Elysees

3 Branches in

United Kingdom and 3591282

Telex 884429 and 887110 Telephone 22050 Park Lane Telex EM 89051 P.O. Box 4NE Telephone (01)

408 1505

7801-5

London City

P.O. Box 138

Telex Arabwe G 24818 Kensington High P.O. Box 813 St. P.O. Box 153 Telex Arbnk 92716 Telephone (01) 937 3547

Telex Arabbk G 893889 France Paris Telephone 258840-1 90 Ave Des Champs-

Telephone 5623810

Telex Arabank

642 444 F Telephone (01) 606 Greece Athens 10 Stadiou St.

642 443 F and

Athens 133

Syntagma

P.O. Box 1674

Telephone 3255 401 -10 Telex Arab GR 219922 **Bab Tabbaneh** (Tripoli) Telephone 620122-3 Hodeida

> (Amman) P O Box 68 Telephone 38161 9 Telex Arabnk JO 21230

Cable Bankarabi

P.O. Box 3812 Telephone 76232 Telex Arabank YE 523 General Manage

BANKING SUPPLEMENT

allah, Hebron and Jenin in the West Bank are temporarily closed because of its illegal occupation by the Israeli forces.

The paid-up capital of the Bank in December 1980 was JD 2.5 million, And the reserves were JD 2,046,876.

Mr. Jawdat Sha'sha'a is its chairman and general manager Mr. Ishak Abu Khadra is deputy general manager and Mr. Usma Asfour is its assistant general manager.

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, N.A.

The Chase Manhattan Bank. N.A., is one of the largest banks in the world, with its headquarters in New York, U.S.A. For the year 1980, Chase, world-wide had total assets of \$76 billion, deposits of \$57 billion, loans of \$47 billion, and net income of \$354 million.



Anil K. Sarin

Chase operates more than 160 entities located in 70 countries. These entities include 101 Branches, 23 Representative Offices, and 36 subsidiaries and affiliates from which business is conducted with more than 130 countries. In the United States, Chase operates 214 Branches in New York State and 15 domestic subsidiaries. Chase has perhaps the largest network of correspondents banks in the world with 3,114 correspondents in the United States and another 3,400 overseas.

In Jordan, The Chase Man-

hattan Bank opened a Branch located at the First Circle, Jabal Amman in 1976. It is a full service Branch handling a variety of products and catering to all segments of the market. Chase has been particularly supportive of the major developmental projects in Jordan.

Chase has also played an important role in encouraging and assisting multinational companies in investing and operating in Jordan. On a smaller scale, Chase counts several local manufactures and traders as its customers. Many of the traders have been attracted to Chase by the efficient service in international transactions which the worldwide network makes possible. Chase especially welcomes the small depositers with a full range of deposit products such as, demand deposits, savings deposits, time deposits, certificates of

cess of the development plans of Jordan. The General Manager of Chase in Jordan is Mr. Anil K. Sarin and the Operations Manager is Mr. Atiyeh Shananier. Their offices are located at the

deposits etc. recognizing that

the encouragement of small

savings is critical for the suc-

First Circle, Jabai Amman. The paid-up capital of the Bank by the end of 1980, was JD 500,000. Reserve were JD 23,363 and Reserve for doubtful debts were JD 30,700 at the same period.

CITIBANK

Citibank is the world's largest international bank, with 210 branches in 92 countries and \$115 billion in assets. This global span coupled with extensive and diversified experience in international business gives Citibank a unique ability in servicing international trade besides applying new practices and concepts in individual mar-

Citibank opened its Branch in Jordan in 1974. Since then, the bank has maintained an active

BANK:

WORLD'S LARGEST

INTERNATIONAL

210 BRANCHES IN 92

COUNTRIES

U.S.\$115 BILLION

IN ASSETS

ASSOCIATED WITH

CITIBANCO

AMMAN

JORDAN'S CONTINUED

PROUD TO BE

ECONOMIC

& PROGRESS

GROWTH

presence in diversified lending to various local economic sectors, and in assisting in the development of new financial market instruments and facilities such as CDs, forward Exchange and Syndicated Lending.

Early in 1980, Citibank ;Amman was chosen as Citibank Middle East pilot site for the development of new computer applications to expedite and improve the quality of customer services. As of now, Current and Savings Accounts are fully computerised, besides internal automation of Bookkeeping systems and use of advanced Word Processing systems. These automated operations allow instant access and servicing of customers needs throughout Citibanks international Bank.

In March 1981, Citibank issued an "Investment Guide" to Jordan. This was a comprehensive introduction to the Jordanian economy, commercial and business practices and other current information for the prospective investor and is being distributed through Citibanks network of Branches.

Citibank is proud of its association and role in the rapidly developing economic and commercial environment in Jordan. We look forward to the country's continued growth and progress.



R.S. Cordingley

GRINDLAYS BANK LTD.

The Grindlays Bank Group with its Head Office in London

1828. In that year a retired British Army Officer, Capt. Robert (1956). Three more branches Grindlay, back from service in India, opened an agency in London together with a gentleman by the name of Leslie.

Grindlavs first branch was opened in India in 1854 and subsequently expanded throughout the Indian subcontinent

Meanwhile in 1863 the Calcutta City Banking Corporation was established in India, changing its name in 1864 to National Bank of India Limited and then two years later moving its Head Office to London.

The National Bank of India and Grindlays Bank merged in 1958 to form National and Grindlavs Bank Ltd which changed its name back to Grindlavs Bank Ltd. in 1975.

In 1969 a holding company was incorporated owning 60% of the Banks shares and at the same time Citibank, New York. bought a 40% stake in the Bank. This stake was increased to 49% by the issue of new shares in 1975. Lloyds Bank Limited owns 41.4% of the shares in the holding company, which is quoted on the London Stock Exc-

In recent years Grindlays Bank has acquired Wm Brandts Sons & Co (now Grindlay Brandts Limited); the London Group business of the Ottoman Bank, Banque Grindlay Ottomane, with its head office in Paris, the London Confirming House of Gillespie Bros & Co. and in 1974 the Glasgow based of Commerce. The Bank also owns Grindlays Dao Heng Bank in Hong Kong.

The Groups capital resources at the end of 1980 were approaching £ 179 million.

Jordan is one of the 40 countries in which the Grindlays Bank Group operates through an extensive international network of over 200 branches and offices. The Banks' roots in Jordan go back to 30th August, 1927, when the Ottoman Bank was the first Bank to establish a branch in Amman. This was fol'nches in Irbid (1949) and Aqaba 14,615,575. were opened during the 1960's and a further six during the early 1970's bringing the total

addition to the five West Bank branches which are temporarily closed. Total assets in Jordan presently stand at JD 65 million. During the course of next

number of branches to 13 in

month the Bank will occupy new premises in Shmeisani which are presently being fitted out at a cost of some half a million dinars. The five storey building, to be known as 'GRINDLAYS CENTRE' will house not only the Bank's General Management Office, together with a Corporate Banking Unit and a Multinational Banking Unit but also a new branch which will be situated on the first floor. A central Processing Unit for all Amman Area branches will also be located in the building.

The Bank's General Manager in Jordan is Mr. R.S. Cordingley, who was appointed to the position in October 1979.

INDUSTRIAL **DEVELOPMENT BANK**

Industrial Development Bank was established by a special decree in Amman, Jordan in 1965. The meticulous and efficient services rendered by its management to its clients during the last sixteen years has made the Bank a frontliner in Jordan.

During 1980, the Bank approved 56 loans totalling JD 6511770, of which JD 5289000 were extended to 50 industrial projects and JD 1222770 to 6 tourism projects.

Two of the Bank Staff participated during the year 1980 in training courses in Berlin and the U.S.A. One of these courses was in small scale industry financing and development while the second course was in international management. One of the Arab Bank Staff was trained in the Bank four months in 1980 on project appraisal and loan administration. Two employees from Cities and Villages development Bank were also trained in the Bank of project appraisal and follow up techniques.

The total of Balance Sheet increased during 1980 by 14.8%, i.e., from JD 17.65 million to JD 20.77 million. The revenues of 1980 exceeded those of 1979 by JD 292000, i.e., by 21.8% and so did the net profit of the Bank during the previous year by 22.8%, i.e., amounting to JD 437289.

Mr. Rouhi El-Khatib is its Chairman and Mr. Zivad Annab is its General Manager.

JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK

Jordan Islamic Bank for Finance and Investment (JIB) is a public Shareholding Limited

JIB was established on November 13, 1978, in accordance with Jordan companies Law, and by virtue of its Special Law No. 13 of 1978.

JIB's unitimate objective is to render all banking services and all financial investments in compliance with Islamic Legislation, refraining from paying or receiving interest.

JIB's paid up capital amounts to JD 2 million, representing 50% of the authorised registered capital which is JD 4 million. The virtual commencement of operations took place on 22nd Sept., 1979 with the inauguration of the first branch in Amman, at King Faisal Street. Other three branches were opened later in Jordan: Amman Main Branch, Jebel Al-Hussein (Amman), Al-Wahdat (Amman) and at Zerga.

JIB does not deal in iterest whatsoever; holders of fixed, notice and saving accounts with the Bank are entitled to participate with it in the investment projects which it undertakes.

For the year 1980, the general ratio of profits distributed to the depositers was (8.2%) in accordance with the allotted percentage in which each individual investment account participates; thus profits distributed to the depositers were as follows:-

Fixed Deposit Accounts 7.4% p.a. Notice Accounts 5.8% p.a. Saving Accounts 4.1% p.a.

can trace its history back to lowed by the opening of bra- The ASSETS of the Bank as at 31st Dec., 1980, were JD



Sufian Ebrahim Yasin

JORDAN KUWAIT BANK

Jordan Kuwait Bank (JKB) was established in Jordan on the 25th October, 1976, under a commercial register No: 108. Its total capital at present is JD 5,000,000.

JKB is public shareholding company with 60% Jordanian shares and 40% Kuwaiti shares. The Bank has local network of ten branches in Jordan - six of them in Amman: Abdali Main Branch, Jabal Amman, Wehdat, Commercial Centre, Shmeisani and Jabai Hussein and one each at Zerka, Bagah, Irbid and one at Aqaba is under establishment.

JKB has correspondents all over the world. Sheikh Naser Al-Sabah is its chairman and Mr. Sufian I. Yasin is its deputy chairman as well as general manger.

Paid-up capital of the Bank as on 31st December, 1980, was JD 4,960,660 and Reserve was JD 1,137,232.

JORDAN NATIONAL BANK

The Jordan National Bank, one of the leading banks in Jordan,

was established in 1956 with only one branch in Amman. But with the sincerity and hard work of its management and the object of participating in the economic progress of Jordan, the Bank achieved a phenomenonal progress - and by 1980 (which was the silver Jubilee year of the Bank) it had 20 branches in the East Bank. There are 7 branches in

Amman, two branches at Zerka and one each at Irbid, Aqaba, Salt, Sweileh, Wadi Seer, Sahab, Tafila, Madaba, Deir Alla Ramtha, and Ma'an. 2 more branches are under establishment in the East Bank. The bank has 3 branches at Nablus, Jerusalem, and Hebron in the West Bank - but they are temporarily closed because of its occupation by the Israeli forces. It has also 5 branches in Lebanon.

The Jordan National Bank continues to contribute towards the stable economic climate of Jordan for achieving the aims and objects of the first 5-year development plan (1976-80). And is looking forward to participate in the 2nd 5-year development plan of the country (1981-85).

The bank has also one associated bank (The Ahli Bank Ltd.) in Dubai. The Jordan National Bank owns 25% of its cap-

The paid-up capital of the bank in 1956 was JD 250,000 and in 1980 JD 3,292,375. The assets of the bank in 1956 were JD 1.794,753 and in 1980, JD '89,350,900.

Mr. Sukkar is chairman of the Bank and Mr. Tash is deputy



Said Hammami

JORDAN SECURITIES CORPORATION

The Jordan Securities Corporation (JSC) was established at the end of 1979 after it was found necessary to establish a specialised banking firm to operate in and expand the capital and money markets that were evolving in Jordan.

The idea of JSC was promoted initially by international Finance Corporation (IFC), the co-managed a major JD 1 World Bank affiliate which issue and two share issue played a leading role in the one of which we were development of the Amman managers and under-Financial Market (AFM). The three loans syndications company was established with of which the company ac a capital of JD 2,000,000 with lead manager and participation from leading financial institutions both in Jordan and abroad including the Housing Bank, Industrial Development Bank, Pension Fund, Universities Investment Funds, Postal Saving Fund, eight commercial banks six insurance companies, and three money exchangers. IFC, Kuwait International Investment Company, Samuel Montagu, European Arab Bank, and Jetinor were also major shareholders and founders.

JSC's charter envisaged a PETRA broad investment banking operation, e.g. underwriting of bond and share issues, brokerage operations in the AFM, management of portfolios of securities, project evaluation and finance, management of mutual funds and investment trusts, arrangement of finance through loan syndications and foreign exchange and such other activities that would assist the general development of Jordan's capital and money markets.

The concept behind the company was that Jordan needed a corporate entity in the money and capital markets whose main function would be to act as intermediary between the productive sectors which require finance and the investors who have surplus funds. This role as intermediary would also include acting as a catalyst between Jordanian investors within Jordan and the users of funds through the capital market, which comprised the AFM and the new issues market, between banks in the money market and between national savers and the productive sector of the economy.

JSC's accomplishment first year of operations in the high expectations establishment. The cor

Portfolio managemen clients was also successf towards the end of the year became the largest : broker in the AFM.

1981 promises to be better year. We are pla new issues at the rate of o month and our balance footings are expecte exceed JD 8,000,000.

BANK

Petra Bank was registe Jordanian Public reholding Company on th June 1977, with a capital c

The Bank commence operations as a full service on the 7th June 1978, w had only one branch in ntown Amman. 1979 sa opening of two other bra in Amman.

At present Petra Bank total of ten branches in J. including the one located Head Office, Seil S:

The Balance Sheet o Bank as at December shows Total Assets c 56.227.657.

The Bank has develope own "On line" computer tem for its banking operat

His Excellency Mohan Toukan is its chairman an Ahmad Chalabi is deputy irman and general manag



ARAB JORDAN

INVESTMENT

BANK

First Universal Bank in Jordan

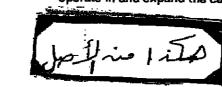
Wholesale, Investment and ·Commercial Banking

Ready to enter into **Eurodollar Syndications**

Active in Money Market Operations at boti-Domestic and International levels

Issue Fender and Performance Bonds on behalf of Internation! Contractors carrying out major projects in Jordan

> P.O. BOX 8797 AMMAN, JORDAN TELEX: 21719 AJIB JO TEL: 64120, 64126,64127



Splinter group undermines Begin's power base

God-given right to all occupied Arab land'

Fortigue R KADDUM, Occupied Cliente & R KADDUM, Occupied to Bank, April 29 (A.P.) — By De lane in right to all occupied Arab Clairs in a small splinter party is gnata at Prime Minister Menachem n's support among the very Sealer Marile who helped Ding - 1987 per -- ultra-nationalist Israelis. Tense get and the approach of the June County Solid the approach of the solid to leave the solid to lands will be a key issue, the solid to lands will be a key issue, the solid to lands will be a key issue. is lands will be a key a con-

it it will win enough votes to a role in shaping policy towhese territories. hiva is going heavy on youth

PETRA patriotism, bombarding the try with full-page newspaper eaturing a handsome young -- the curly haired ideala type - holding up a huge

ir its first national convention week (April 22) it took some week (April 22) it took 50.... 3 0 supporters to Kufr Kada Zionist settlement of 135 lies in the heart of the West They sang songs, sipped æ from thermos bottles and ned to Tehiya leaders denounce Begin for supposedly being soft on the Arabs.

Begin's Likud bloc is parading settlements like Kufr Kaddum as its greatest achievement in its four years in power. But Tehiya complains that much more could have been done.

The party is hoping for the votes of Israelis who supported Likud in 1977 because it promised a tough policy toward the Arabs, and who now feel let down by the concessions being made to Egypt in return for the March 1979 separate peace treaty. Tehiya has already shown its potential by manipulating Likud and Labour into backing a parliamentary bill last July that strengthened Israel's annexation of Arab Jerusalem.

At the Kufr Kaddum convention, the party vowed that next on the list would be the occupied

Golan Heights of Syria and the West Bank, which have been under Israeli military rule since they were captured in the 1967 war and have not been annexed.

Says Yael Weiler, a 20-year-old woman who vows to vote for Tehiya. "What we won in the 1967 war was God-given and Israel doesn't have the authority to turn it over to Palestinians, Jordanians

Says Ronnie Cohen, a 26year-old student: "Tehiya wants to do what the early Zionists did:

establish facts, put up settlements. As a liberal-minded person I feel a bit uncomfortable about any mistreatment of Arabs in the West Bank, but nowhere else are we going to get footholds in places

CIA featured in Kabul parade

NEW DELHI, April 29 (A.P.) - A chained character in a top hat with the letters "CIA" emblazoned on his back was led through the streets on Kabul as part of the recent "Saur revolution" anniversary parade in the Afghan capital, a Western diplomatic source said here

Other marchers in the parade Monday hurled epithets at the actor portraying the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, said the source, who cannot be identified under the rules governing his briefing of Kabul has long accused the CIA of interfering in Afghan affairs,

particularly of providing arms to muslim rebels battling the pro-Moscow regime of President Babrak Karmal. The parade, which marked the third anniversary of the bloody

April 27, 1978, coup that installed Afghanistan's first Marxist reg-

ime, "seemed slightly smaller" than the one last year, which in turn was said to be smaller than the one the year before that, the diplomats said. There were fewer flags and less bunting, and the list of official slogans was trimmed from 59 to 40.

The source offered no crowd estimate, but the Afghan government radio earlier reported that 20,000 persons watched the parade. Then radio reports monitored in India, also said Mr. Karmal, members of his cabinet, party leaders and generals viewed the military parade. Security has been very tight in Kabul for several days, with police checkpoints scattered around the city and daily house-to-house sea-

rches, the diplomat said. Meanwhile, the situation in Kamdahar, Afghanistan's second largest city, continued to deteriorate, the diplomat said.

OAPEC promotes Arab oil ventures not as pure financial investments

Tean IRAIN, April 29 (R) — Oil smeet in Kuwait next week to ss a common drive to divtheir economies from relon oil exports.

ie talks, grouping ministers of Organisation of Arab Pet-ि वेश्वाम Exporting Countries PEC), are seen here as sigthe long-term ecoic future of the Arab World. APEC was founded in 1968 les : levelop member countries' -: - lvement in money-spinning Ter ures related to oil such as shig, exploration and petroleum ucts like synthetic rubber and

> ch projects will be the main 's of the formal talks on May at they will also give the mins a last chance to review the d oil outlook before what is cted to be a stormy priceng session of the Organisation troleum Exporting Countries EC) in Geneva on May 25. udi Arabia is at odds with

r members in OAPEC and

)RD

OPEC in demanding a cut in oil prices to stabilise the world market, where a glut has developed because of over-production and falling Western demand.

OPEC leaves pricing to the 13-nation OPEC and discussion of prices and production levels will be informal. But they will be closely watched by oil-importing countries anxious for any sign of what OPEC will decide in Gen-

OAPEC's three founding members were Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Libya. It has since been joined by Algeria, Bahrain, Iraq, Qatar, Syria and the United Arab Emirates. Egypt's membership was suspended after it signed the Camp David separate peace agreement with Israel.

In the past the activities of OAPEC have not excited great outside interest. "People often think our name is a misprint for OPEC," said one official.

But from crowded offices above Kuwait's main market OAPEC's Arab technocrats are helping to modern industrial states.

"Our objectives are to promote cooperation in three major areas petroleum development policies, training and information and identifying and implementing oil projects," explained OAPEC's Secretary-General Ali Ahmad Attiga.

OAPEC translates its aims into action through joint ventures owned by some or all members states, ranging from an oil tanker fleet to an oil-drilling company. The oldest venture was the

Arab Maritime Petroleum Transport Company (AMPTC), which owns eight oil and two liquefied petroleum gas tankers. The Kuwait-based company

was founded in 1973 but the falling demand in oil depressed the tanker market and AMPTC made its first operating profit only last

Vice Chairman and Managing Director Abdul Rahman Ahmad Al Sultan told Reuters that partly because of the Gulf War, which

transform member countries into has left two of its Iraqi-registered stitute for lead in petrol. tankers stranded by war insurance problems at the mouth of the Gulf, it could make a \$10 million loss this year.

There are some doubts about the company's future. One problem it faces is that national Arab tanker fleets have expanded much more than envisaged when AMPTC was founded.

But shareholding countries have agreed to subsidise its cash

estments Corporation (API-CORP), based in Saudi Àrabia with assets of more than \$500 mil-

The company invests in oil or oil projects and made a profit last year of more than \$30 million, APICORP General Manager Nureddin Farrag told Reuters recently.

APICORP has ambitious plans including a project to produce in the Arab World sythetic rubber, detergent chemicals and a sub-

Dr. Farrag said the projects were based on the idea of establishing one plant for each mat-

erial at first and then expanding

into an Arab-wide industry. Another example of successful OAPEC coopertion is its huge dry dock in Bahrain called the Arah Ship Repair Yard. It can handle the largest tankers and has at times been fully occupied.

It has made small losses but OAPEC saw the yard as a project OAPEC's biggest success so far to encourage wider economic and is the Arab Petroleum Inv- social cooperation rather than as a social cooperation rather than as a pure financial investment.

Ministers will be asked to approve construction of another dry dock in Algeria at their meeting in Kuwait.

On a wider scale OAPEC is close to setting up a judicial board to resolve disputes among members, Mr. Khalid Al Shawi, director

of OAPEC's legal department, explained that the tribunal of nine judges would have jurisdiction over oil but nothing relating to sovereignty.

OAPEC officials said that if their oil ministers approve the proposed judges at the Kuwait meeting, the tribunal could become effective immediately. The latest OAPEC-sponsored

venture is an engineering consulting company, the Arab engineering company, with capital of 20 million dollars. Its shareholders are OAPEC member states and APICORP.
Project Manager Aziz Amara

Korba said the company's initial staff of 50 to 60 people could grow to 2,000 within 10 years.

Another project under consideration is a plan to produce protein from natural gas.

SANDS.

TIME

The World News Magazine

FURY IN NORTHERN IRELAND: DEATHWATCH IN

H-BLOCK. COVER STORY ON THE IRA'S BOBBY

FROM RUSSIA WITH SUSLOV: A SOVIET HAR-

A LOW PROFILE IN EL SALVADOR: REPORT ON

DLINER PLAYS A CALL ON THE POLES.

U.S. "TRAINERS" IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

Spokesman says Iran seeks to wipe out Bahai community

VIENNA, April 29 (A.P.) - The Iranian revolutionary leadership, like previous Persian regimes, is seeking to crush the 300,000-strong Bahai community, Iran's largest religious minority, a spokesman for the Austrian Bahai centre said today. He said some 4,500 members of Bahai administrative organs were facing arrest and possible execution, adding the Bahai's concern was based on a written revolutionary court opinion on a sentence meted out in Shiraz last month. That court sentenced to death to members of local Bahai administrative bodies. The Austrian spokesman said the official reasoning suspected membership in such a centre appears to be enough to warrant tonviction and even capital punishment. The Bahai movement, a so-called revelation religion indpendent of the Islamic faith, was founded in Persia by Baha'u llah (1817-92) in the 19th century. Its current religious centre is Haifa, Israel. There are some 100,000 Bahai centres all over the world. The spokesman said several dozen Bahai members have been executed by Iranian revolutionary guards, religious shrines have been desecrated, homes destroyed and members harassed over the past two years. He described official hostility as a systematic campaign to wipe out the entire Bahai community in

3 Afghanis executed in Iran for smuggling heroin

BEIRUT, April 29 (A.P.) - Three Afghanis were executed in an Iranian prison on charges of smuggling heroin into Iran, Tehran Radio reported today. It said the public prosecutor's office issued the execution orders after a ruling by the Isfahan anti-drugs campaign and Islamic revolutionary court. Ten persons were executed on similar charges vesterday.

Turkish military prosecutors ask death penalty for 200

ANKARA, April 29 (A.P.) - Prosecutors will ask the death penalty for 220 top leaders and members of Turkey's disbanded ultra-rightist national Action Party for alleged involvement in terrorist acts, martial law authorities announced today. The defendants include retired Col. Alpaslan Turkes, chairman of the now-defunct Action Party. He and his aides have repeatedly denied links to terrorism in the past. The Ankara martial law command announced that a team of military prosecutors had completed an investigation into the past activities of the party and brought charges against 587 of its members. The opening date for the trial was not set, but sources said that it could start in May. Mr. Turkes, 64, has been held in military custody since last September's coup by Gen. Kenan Evren and other top Turkish military commanders. Turkish authorities have closed all political parties since the takeover and brought charges against the-Muslim fundamentalist national salvation party and the ultra-nationalist Action Party. The action party platform calls for strong Turkish central authority and reunification of all Turkic tribes throughout Asia.

Israeli court rejects evicting Jewish squatters in Hebron

TEL AVIV, April 29 (A.P.) — Israel's Supreme Court today rejected an appeal by Palestinian

Arabs from the West Bank city of Hebron to evict Jewish squatters living in their midst. Israel Radio reported that the court upheld the Jews' right to continue living in Beit Hadassah, a rambling. two-storey house built last century by Jews, which was taken over two years ago by ultra-Orthodox Jewish women and children from nearby Kirvat Arba. The court gave no reasons for its ruling, and said it would publish its findings only later. The Arabs complained that the Jews were harassing them into abandoning homes so the settlers could take them over. They said the Jews were attacking and stoning Arabs and vandalising Arab property. In reaching its findings, the court took note of the state attorney's guarantee to protect law and order between the settlers and Hebron Arabs. Israel Radio report.

U.S. announces sale of 500 military trucks to Saudis

WASHINGTON, April 29 (R) - The Pentagon has announced the sale of 500 military trucks to Saudi Arabia for \$42 million. The deal can be vetoed within 30 days by a vote of Congress, where strong opposition has developed to an administration proposal to sell Saudi Arabia a much more potent package of jet fighter gear and advanced radar planes. The Pentagon said the 500 five-ton trucks are similar to some already in the Saudi inventory and would replace older vehicles. It had not been decided who would make the

Armenian underground

claim 150 injured

BEIRUT, April 29 (R) - An underground Armenian guerrilla group said today that more than 150 Armenians were injured and 200 arrested in a clash last Sunday in the central Iranian city of Isfahan. The Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) said in a communique yesterday that unknown forces had attacked an Armenian house in Isfahan, killing or injuring more than 30 Armenians in several hours. of fighting. Today's communique, revising the casualty toll, accused Iranian revolutionary guards of carrying out "this irresponsible fascist attack." Some of the injured were in a serious condition, it said, quoting the group's sources in Iran. ASALA called on the Iranian government "to cease this irresponsible behaviour and release the prisoners immediately." Iran's Christian Armenian community of fewer than 200,000, mainly middle-class businessmen and traders, has by and large loved at peace with the country's revolutionary authorities. But last month ASALA claimed responsibility for a gunfight in central Tehran in which two policemen were killed. It did not clarify the aim of the operation.

Nephew of King Khaled dead at age 26

OXFORD, April 29 (A.P.) - Saudi Arabian Prince Abdul Aziz Faisal, 26-year-old nephew of King Khaled, has died of a heart attack at his home near Oxford University where he was a post-graduate student, police said today. Detective superintendent Jim Dewhurst said the prince's body was discovered on Monday at his country home in the village of Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire. He said police did not know the exact cause of death but said "foul play was not suspected." Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, quoted the Saudi Arabian embassy in London as saying the prince died of a heart attack. A spokesman declined to give details. Mr. Keith Griffen, president of Oxford's Magdalen College, said Prince Faisal had been studying for a doctorate in philosophy.

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, APR. 30, 1981

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You could find confusion GENERAL TENDENCIES: You could find confusion and muddled thinking exists due to planetary reasons and this could be a nonproductive day unless you channel your energies in constructive outlets. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make sure your regular ac-

tivities are wisely scheduled and then carry through in a sensible manner. Be logical. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Obtain important information for a project you are interested in before you go

ahead with definite plans. Be wise. in in GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) If you handle routine duties in a modern manner, you gain benefits. Study a new plan before making any changes.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Don't neglect important work early in the day. Try to cooperate more with co-workers. Strive for harmony. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Be sure you don't take on any

heavy expenditures of money in the evening. Allow time to engage in creative activity. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Postpone going ahead

with a new interest you have in mind. Wait until a better time. Evening in first time. Evening is fine for recreation. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Improve the foundation of

your life so you can have more abundance in the days ahead. Get rid of annoying conditions. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Iron out any problems

with others in a quiet and tactful manner. Seek the company of congenials in the evening. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have to use

careful thought in handling monetary affairs today. Use your intuitive faculties for best results. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Use a different attitude in handling a puzzling situation and you get better

results. Seek the company of friends tonight. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have hidden desires that need more study before you pursue them.

Strive for increased happiness. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Some of your friends may have problems so be sure to give a helping hand. Show

others you have practical wisdom. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will be one who comprehends the problems of others and best education you can afford to bring out this ability. A knows instinctively how to solve them. Be sure to give the

good life in this chart. "The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1981

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good time to study the progress you have made and to make needed changes. State your views to influential persons who can be helpful to you. Be more optimistic.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Morning is fine for studying new outlets through which to expand. A direct course is the best to follow at this time.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Use an improved method where finances are concerned and gain benefits. Take treatment to improve your appearance. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Come to the right deci-

sion concernings relations with associates. Be sure to spend your money wisely today. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Get your work done early in the day so you'll have more time for social activities later. Use care in motion.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A time to be calm while going after a personal aim. Take constructive steps to improve the quality of your life. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You are able now to get

the support of associates in a new project you have in mind. Show others you have wisdom. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) State your views to associates early in the day and come to a fine agreement.

Strive for increased happiness. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't neglect to handle monetary affairs that are important to your welfare.

Don't take any risks at this time. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study your financial status and find a better way to increase your income.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Obtain important information you need at the right sources. Maintain a cheerful manner at all times today.

Be wary of false friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Morning is best time to be gregarious and talk with key persons. Seek the company of congenials in the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Go after your personal aims in a positive manner and get excellent results. Take no risks with your reputation. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will

be one of those delightful persons who will adopt the right

philosophy that could lead to a most successful life. "The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

EALEACHAE TRADUC CO. SACIA SI THE ESAIR lessional and Only the finest materials available are used by our

GOT SOMETHING

ON YOUR MIND?

Let the JORDAN

TIMES hear about it

A SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER

is required for the site management of the heavy civil engineering work in a large turnkey industrial process works in Jordan. The man should be between 35 and 45 and be a chartered civil engineer with a predominance of site management experience with a large European firm; international contracts would be of advantage. Salary is negotiable and there are substantial benefits.

Pls. contact P.O. Box 61 Tla 'Al Ali, Amman, Jordan

SHEPHERDS TOURS & TRAVEL

in cooperation with the biggest American tourist firm, GRAYLINE, announces the start of a monthlong trip to the United States on June 6, and ending on July 7, 1981,

Interesting programmes, exciting tours, enjoyable evenings, excellent hotels (Hilton)... The trip includes visits to New York, Detroit, New Orleans, Las Vegas, San Diego, Los Angeles, Carmel, Monetery, San Francisco, Chicago and Sonmank.

For more information and reservations, call the Shepherds Tour and Travel Agency at Tyche Hotel, Shmeisani; Tel. 64101 or 64102.



ECONOMY

Reagan cautions Congress: I'm fine but economy isn't

WASHINGTON, April 29 (A.P.) encore? - U.S. President Ronald Reagan. wildly cheered as he returned to the public stage, told Congress last night that his tax and spending cuts are "the only answer we have left" for a sick economy.

In his first address since he was shot in an assassination attempt on March 30, the president pronounced his own health much improved, but said the economy is as sick as ever.

Mr. Reagan was welcomed by a rafter-shaking ovation which left him with "no words to express that greeting.

He said his recovery was buoved by the "friendship and yes. love of his fellow citizens since he

At the same time, the president, who showed no evidence whatever of his wound, told the House and Senate they risk public wrath unless his economic package is quickly approved.

It was his first public appearance since the assassination attempt, and an occasion of high drama. The president was received with a three-minute ovation of applause, cheers and whistles before he interrupted with: "you wouldn't want to talk me into an

In a speech for a joint session of the House and Senate and a national radio and television audience, the president called anew for swift passage of his economic package, saying inaction "will delay even longer--and more painfully-the cure which must come.

"The American people now want us to act, and not in half measures." he said in the prepared address. "They demand--and they have earned--a full and comprehensive effort to clean up our economic mess.

Reagan's appearance once more on the public and political battlefront came on his 100th day in office, and he handled it with a broad smile and steady stride down the aisle of the House.

The president added to his prepared text--which focused pri-marily upon his spending reductions--a plea for his threevear. 30-per cent tax cut, saying the nation faces a choice between "a great big raise in your taxes in this coming year, or, at the worst, a very little increase with the prospect of tax reduction and a balanced budget down the road a

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

U.K. grants Yemen £1.1m

LONDON, April 29 (R) - Britain intends to make a £1.1 million grant to the (north) Yemen Arab Republic to expand a scheme to train farmers to use and maintain machinery, the Overseas Development Administration said today.

\$575m in foreign exchange for China

PEKING, April 29 (R) - The number of visitors to China, and the amount of foreign exchange earned by China as a result, jumped dramatically in 1980, the New China News Agency (NCNA) said today.

Foreign exchange income was 920 million yuan (\$575 million). a 32 per cent increase, and amounted to about \$100 per visitor, NCNA said quoting official figures.

A total of 5.7 million people came here for tourism, business and other reasons, an increase of nearly 1.5 million over 1979. Figures issued earlier this month said that 5.1 million of the 5.7 million visitors in 1980 were from Hong Kong and Macao. NCNA said today there were 529,000 tourists among the visitors, a rise of 46 per cent.

300 Kuwait oil workers go on strike

KUWAIT, April 29 (A.P.) - An estimated 300 workers of the state-owned Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) went on a strike today to press their demand for an increase in per-

They complained to reporters that the current personnel size was inadequate to cope with the "ever-increasing" work. They said they would carry on their strike 10 days.

The Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) workers also went on a strike less than four weeks ago, but this was settled smoothly.

The KNPC handles Kuwait's three refineries, with a total capacity of 200,000 barrels a day. Officials rejected the strike as illegal, but unionists insisted it was "perfectly legal"

Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah said "not all workers have joined the strike." asserting that oil operations were normal despite the strike.

VW's profit down 50% in 1980

WOLFSBURG, West Germany, April 29 (R) - Volkswagen, Western Europe's largest car firm, today announced that its profits slumped by half last year and said 1981 was likely to be another difficult year.

The company cited heavy losses in the United States and Brazil and said its domestic sales fell by 9.4 per cent.

Most other German carmakers also have been hit by the downturn in the home market. Bayerische Motorenwerke (BMW) last week said earnings were down in 1980, but Daimler-Benz, maker of the Mercedes, has indicated its profits rose.

Mr. Toni Schmuecker, Volkswagen's managing board chairman, told reporters that group net profit fell to 321 million marks (\$177 million) in 1980 from 667 million marks (\$364 million) in 1979.

The company, which now faces intense competition from Japanese imports in the home market, was likely to have another difficult year in 1981 but its huge 13 billion mark (\$7.2 billion) investment programme for the next three years proved its confidence in the future, he said.

Belgium cuts discount rate to 14%

BRUSSELS, April 29 (R) - The Belgian National Bank today announced it was cutting its official discount rate from 15 to 14 per cent, the second cut since crisis measures to defend the Belgian franc were imposed in March.

The National Bank said the cut would take effect tomorrow. A similar reduction was made two weeks ago.

On March 31 the National Bank raised discount rate three points to a post-war record of 16 per cent under emergency measures to defend the Belgian franc against heavy speculation.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, April 29 (R) — Following are the buying and selling raleading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of tract the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

2.1425/35 1.1967/70 One sterling One U.S. dollar 2.2130/40 2.4500/25 2.0180/0200 5.2385/2415 35.90/93

1097.00/1098.00 214,50/70 4.7500/50 5.5430/40 6.9650/65

476.50/478.00

One ounce of gold

West German mark Dutch guilders Swiss francs French francs Belgian francs Italian lire Japanese yen Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns Danish crowns U.S. dollars

U.S. dollar

Canadian dollar

LONDON STOCK MARKI

LONDON, April 29 (R) - Equities finished steady as trading quiet considerably, while government bonds continued dull, dealers said 1500 the F.T. index was up four points at 578.5.

Equities were steadier after recent profit taking though new time bu was not large, dealers added. Interest was focussed on companies orting full year figures today, notably Blue Circle which extended terday's gains by 26p after announcing sharply higher pre-tax profits a raised dividend. Tarmac added 19p to 407 on further consideration yesterday's results.

U.S. and Canadians were narrowly mixed. Bat Industries, which announced figures at top end of the ma estimates and raised its divident, was up 18p at 336 after 346. Rothr was up 4½p. House of Fraser was up 4p also after figures. ICI added on ahead of tomorrow's first quarter statement but an

the other leaders, Grand Met, Bowater and GEC ended unchange balance and Courtaulds, Hawker Siddeley, Lucas, Marks and Tubes only a penny or two higher.

Government bonds were up to ¼ point lower, depressed toward: close by news Chase Manhattan had raised its prime rate to 18%

RESTAURANTS & BARS

RESTAURANT CHINA
"The First & Best
Chinese Restaurant
In Jordan"
First Circle, Jabal Amman
Near Ahliyyah Girl s School
Open Daily
12:00 - 3:30 p.m.

12:00 · 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - Midnight Tel. 38968 Take Home Service Available



WE ARE YOUR KIND OF PEOPLE. PHILADELPHIA



Mandaloun Restaura LIVE MUSIC NIGHTLY AT MANDALOUN!! VANESSA on Piano Every Mon., Tues., Wed. Well Known Lebanese

composer-singer NOUR EL MELLAH

Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.

For Reservations: Call Joseph 4356



beer and a game of darts in a truly English Pub atmosphere at the Shepherd Hotel Pub. Open 12 noon to 1 a.m. Snacks & steaks served.

AMMAN Holiday Druc

We wish to apologise to our nonresident guests for the clo-sure of hotel outlets during the 4th Arab Conference for Mineral Resources-from April 24th through May 2nd. Watch for a stunning line-up of entertainment after our reopening on May 3rd.



اڭڪئٽٽرو **ALALI**

NIGHT CLUB. RESTAURANT & BAR

MANDARIN Chinese Restaurant

AMMAN Wadi Sagra Road East of New Traffic Bridge Across From Holiday inn

Tel. 61922 AMMAN

TRANSPORTATION



JORDAN EXPRESS CO.

PACKING & CRATING AIR & SEA FREIGHT **TRAVEL & TOURISM**

Tel. 62722, 62723 38141, 22565 tlx. 21635 P.O. Box 2143

NATIONAL **RENT-A-CAR**



1980 MODELS AVAILABLE TEL. 39197-8

Brand-new model 1981

JORAC RENT- A-CAR Jabai Amman.

facing Intercontinental Hetel For reservations. Please call: Tel. 44938

ORIENT TRANSPORT

FOR YOUR AIRFREIGHT, SEAFREIGHT, OVERLAND TRANSPORT, PACKING & HOUSEHOLD REMOVAL **CONTACT US FOR A** QUOTATION. TEL. AMMAN 64128-9-30

AQABA 2135 TLX, 21547 P.O. BOX 926499

Philadelphia Rent-A-Car **ALL NEW CARS FULLY INSURED**

Philadelphia Hotel Tel. 25194



To advertise in this section phone 67171-2-3

FURNITURE



Civil Defence St. Tel. 63890

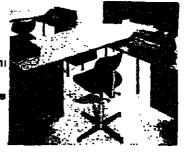
Scandinavian See the latest in Danish sitting room

furniture, wall units and bedrooms st Scandinavian Showroom. We have a large selection of sitting rooms in luxurious Chintz material. Furniture avaliable tax-free to those entitled!



traditional Finnish quality and design Bedroom sets Assortment of fine Finnish design glass & earthenware Distinctive gifts of all kinds

lear Abou Ahmad restaurant, Jabai Amman, Tel. 42667



AQABA



Friday Lunch & Dinner Buffets in sunny Agaba Tel. 2426 Tix. 62263 JO



Tel. 04/4341-2 Tix. 62275 MIRAMAR HOTEL

AQABA.

Tel. 4633 To advertise in this section

MANDARIN

Chinese Restaurant

AQABA

Amman roac

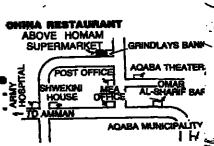
Samir Amis Restaurant

beside *



CHINA RESTAURANT

The first and best Chinese SHWEKINI HOUSE Away service. Open 11:30 3:30; 6:30 - 11:30 daily. Tel. 4415



MISCELLANEOUS



Sor a good look!

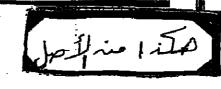
make you look your best... that includes expert hair styling, beauty care treatment & the finest in beauty care products. Shmeisani, near Tower Hotel

SPORTING Luxurious Health Club

First Circle, Jabai Amman, Tel. 43829



Weight Reducing - Body Building Sanna - Massage - Showers



Tirohito, world's longest-reigning monarch, turns 80

) — Emperor Hirohito of the world's longest-reignnarch, turned 80 yesterill shadowed by the con-40 years ago in which 3.1 Japanese died. The man vered as the "Sun God" of ; 2,600-year-old Chrmum throne says little iis role in World War II -it anything else. He remvirtual recluse in his moa-🖟 h century palace in central

ppears in public only rari even less frequently spethe record. He appears ned to let history be his

> riews with palace aides fascinating glimpses of life the imperial throne that ranese date back to 660 ring the reign of Emperor by legend a descendant of goddess "Amaterasu." 30, Japan's "symbol of

> dislikes taking baths but swim two or three times a le adores Western food omptly at 7 a.m., puts in a king day and is no stranger

reakfasts on bacon, eggs, and coffee, a habit acq-1 a trip to Europe in 1921 : was prince regent, and is eader of the major Tokyo

bespectacled, mildd, scholarly man who reiloes not rule this nation of tion people is also a shy, han who dotes on his nine lidren and shares a love of with his wife, Empress He neither drinks nor but on nights when "srestling tournaments are I he is always found at the

pected authority on marogy, Emperor Hirohito is in his laboratory, probing ld of Hydrozoa. He has



The Emperor and Empress on Japan

subject, and is credited with having discovered numerous new species of marine life. He reads books on the subject in both English and French, but speaks neither language. Emperor Hirohito wears only Western clothes -- another taste acquired in his travels -- and the sleeves of some suits are shiny with wear. He does not possess a single item of Japanese clothing, not even a "kimono," according to a biography commissioned by the

Imperial Household Agency. He has never given a detailed interview on world affairs, nor on his role in history. Mr. Iwao Yamamoto, his personal chamberlain for the past 18 years, said the Emperor does not plan to publish

rajesty the Emperor enjoying cherry blossoms in the Higashi Garden of the Imperial Palace.

IT SAYS THAT IF YOU

DENY SOMETHING EXISTS

THEN IT DOESN'T EXIST

written at least 11 books on the his memoirs, even after death preferring to "leave it to the historians.

> Emperor Hirohito's palace life has spanned a tumultuous time. He was the crown prince at the time of the Great Kanto earthquake of 1923, in which an estimated 140,000 persons died in the Tokyo-Yokohama region. He was monarch, deified but with a largely ceremonial role, during the turbulent rise of Japanese militarism during the 1930s.

He was 40 years old, living in a bomb shelter, when World War II ended with the atomic destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in

The Household Agency said Emperor Hirohito believes that one of the most satisfying periods of his life was his nation's phenomenal recovery from the ruins

As emperor, he wields no real power. The U.S. led occupation authorities permitted him to remain on the throne on condition be renounce his deity, which he did, on Jan. 1, 1946. Public opinion polls show that more than 70 per cent of Japanese want him to continue serving in his constitutional role as a "symbol of unity."

Over the years, Emperor Hirohito constantly has been asked to talk about his wartime experiences, and occasionally he says

In 1976, during the golden jub-ilee of his reign, he said: "When I think of the many victims and their families of the last war and I still see the scars of that conflict, my heart is filled with sorrow."

Some historians claim he played a key role in the events leading up to the war. But others maintain he was a moderating influence and was instrumental in bringing about Japan's surrender.

In a rare audience earlier this month with senior Japanese editors, the emperor said he felt that as head of a democratically elected nation, he attached such importance to the parliamentary system that "I could not prevent Japan from going to war.

He told the editors there were only two occasions when he handed down his own decisions -- the first being to quell a military revoltby young army officers in 1936, and the second to terminate the

Aides say the slightly built, grey-haired monarch is in excellent health, having suffered nothing worse than a slight cold in his 56 years on the throne.

For many Japanese, mostly the young, the emperor has become somewhat irrelevant. Yet even today, Japanese' calendars date the years from the beginning of the emperor's reign. This is the 56th year of Showa, or "enlightened peace.'

For older Japanese, Hirohito is in many ways the last link with the Japan of the past. They recall his photograph in its special case at school and how, in case of fire, saving the imperial portrait was more important than seeing the pupils to safety...

As in previous years, tens of thousands of subjects will gather at the palace today to greet the emperor on his birthday, which marks the beginning of a weeklong national holiday called "Golden Week."

There is nothing to indicate Emperor Hirohito may abdicate in favour of his 47-year-old son, Crown Prince Akihito. If and when the crown prince assumes' the throne, he is expected to make the imperial family more visible. He will not bear the moral burden of the war, which his father seems determined to carry, with many other secrets, to the grave. (A.P.)



His Majesty the Emperor Hirohito and his familygather, at the new Imperial Palace. From left to right: Crown Prince Akihito, Prince Hiro, Prince Aya, Prince Hitachi, the Emperor, Princess Hitachi, the Empress, Princess Nori and Crown Princess Michiko.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN ©1981 by Chicago Tribune

Both vulnerable. South deals. NORTH

> **+973** C 98

♦ KJ10953

WEST **EAST ◆** J 10542 **♦** A 6

♥ J64 ♥ Q752 082 ♦ A 74

♠ K 1093 **+**862 SOUTH

♠KQ8 ♥ A K 103

♦ Q 6 +QJ74

The bidding: South West North East 1 NT Pass 3 NT Pass

Pass Pass Opening lead: Four of .

During the Civil War, the battleship Merrimack was scuttled to block the entrance to a harbor. From this desperate act was derived the term "Merrimack Coup," a play where a defender

deliberately sacrifices a high honor for the purpose of knocking out an entry. But if the sea route is blocked. there is nothing to stop you from going by land! Although North held only

8 points, he felt that his good six-card suit amply compensated for any high-card shortage. We endorse his decision to bid three no trump.

West led the four of spades, won by East with the ace. Had East tamely return-

ed a spade, this column would never have been written. But East could see that dummy's diamond suit posed a very real threat and that it was vital to attack dummy's entry-the ace of clubs-before the ace of diamonds was dislodged. A shift to a low club would have proven ineffective for declarer would win in his hand and force out the ace of diamonds. Therefore. East made the brilliant shift to the king of clubsthe Merrimack Coup!

It would have been to no avail to hold up the ace of clubs - East would simply continue the suit to render dummy entryless. So declarer won the ace but now he could count only eight tricks-two spade, two hearts, one diamond and three clubs. However, he found an intriguing method of bringing home his

After winning the ace of clubs, declarer ran dummy's nine of hearts. West won the jack and exited with a club to declarer's jack. Declarer led the queen of diamonds and overtook in dummy with the king. East could not afford to

win the diamond, for that would set up the whole suit for declarer. When he ducked, he provided declarer with an entry to the table to take a second heart finesse. When this succeeded, declarer had his ninth trick.

Both East and South deserve recognition for their brilliant performance.



"Look how close these rings are. That must have been from the time I spilled some of your infamous 'leftover soup' out here."

THE Daily Crossword By Herbert E. Smith

28 Security, 45 Language: 19 Gem 23 Black buck 1 Fracture in law aid 5 Ukraine 29 Thrash 46 Calm of Nepal 32 Rio de — berth found in 25 Factory 33 Mexican 9 Savory platinum 26 Bret -

> 34 Tidal wave 54 Protests 35 Confeder guilt 57 "When I 38 Heraldic was — 58 Brightness

> > measure:

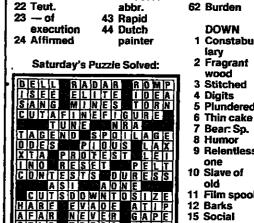
17 Legal 39 Midday 20 Apprehend, 40 Flattered in a way 41 Way: abbr. 21 Fencing 42 Lumber strokes

23 -- of execution

plant

13 Oil: comb.

14 Refuge 16 Bewilders



5 Plundered 6 Thin cake 7 Bear: Sp. 8 Humor 10 Slave of

59 Out of work

amount

60 Not any:

61 Small

15 Social

52 School letters 53 Reward 55 Symbol for Jesus 56 Recent: comb. form

27 Feminine

suffix

28 Stupefy

cretonne

for short

30 - robbery

31 In want

33 Certain

34 Cheese

36 Infinite

37 Certain

42 Musical

43 Malay

46 Arch

skirt

44 Reckless

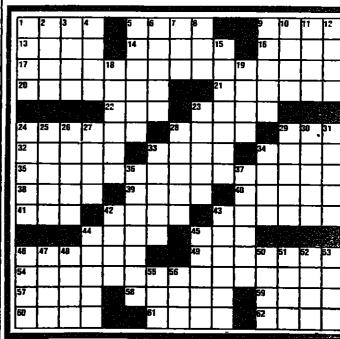
45 Flax cloth

47 Ms Grasso

48 Bring up

50 Satan, to Scotsmen 51 - China

29 Fine



© 1981 by Chicago Tribune-N.Y. News Synd. Inc. All Rights Reserved





SORRY, MA'AM



Your"d minuses'

DON'T EXIST!



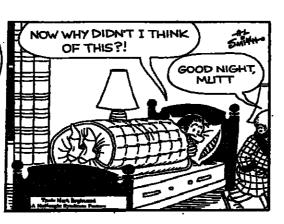


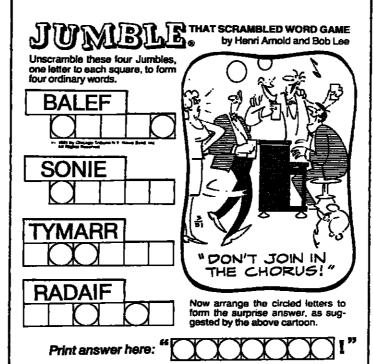
-nuts

T'S A PHILOSOPHY, SIR.









Jumbles: GNARL EJECT THIRTY FORGET Answer: What he was dreaming of putting on— THE GREEN

WORLD

Old Bailey orders jury trial

'Yorkshire Ripper' pleads guilty of 'manslaughter'

LONDON, April 29 (Agencies) — Truckdriver Peter Sutcliffe admitted today he was the "Yorkshire Ripper" who killed 13 women in the north of England between 1975 and 1980 but pleaded innocent to charges of murder.

Instead the 34-year-old Yorkshireman pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of "diminished responsibility," or lack of full mental competence, at the opening of his trial in London's historic Old Bailey criminal court.

Sutcliffe also pleaded guilty to the attempted murder of seven other women.

The intense feeling aroused in northern England by the killings over a five-year period caused the transfer of the trial from Yorkshire, where most of the slayings

Police security was tight, but there was no repetition of the ugly scene at Sutcliffe's first court appearance Jan. 5, when a mob shouted obscenities and lynch threats outside the court at Dewsbury, rorkshire.

Sutcliffe, who lives in Bradford. was brought to London vesterday from a high-security prison in the Yorkshire city of Leeds, the base for the police hunt for the mass murderer named after the Vic-

torian age's "Jack the Ripper." The "Yorkshire Ripper" killings started in July 1975 and continued until last November. Detectives said the killer struck by night, smashing his victims' heads with a hammer and usually multilating the bodies. The women ranged in age from 16 to 47 and nine were prostitutes.

Several relatives of the victims were among some 60 members of the public who crowded into cou-

The hearing opened in an atmosphere of excitement around the Old Bailey, London's central criminal court, which has heard some of the nation's most celebrated murder trials.

The mass killings in the Yorkshire region and the fear they generated locally had fired public interest in Britain and elsewhere. More than 800 international jou-

Rome police identify trio who robbed embassy guards

ROME. April 29 (A.P.) - Police investigators said that three most wanted right wing terrorists -- one of them sought in connection with seven murders -- staged Monday's attack on two guards outside the Saudi Arabian embassy in Rome.

'They apparently needed arms for some terrorist act." an officer of Rome's anti-terrorism squad said. The trio stole sub-machineguns and pistols from the guards. Police identified the trio of two men and a woman who fled in a

waiting car as Francisco Mambro . 22, Giorgio Avallini. 29 and Gioggpo Vale, 20. They are believed to be key members of "Third Position." a

right-wing terrorist organisation. Cavallini is sought in connection with seven murders, including the 1980 assassination of Judge Mario Amato and three para-military

poncemen. Mambro and Vale both have been charged with subversive activities and membership in armed bands.

Both were also named in the investigation into the bombing of the Bologna railway station on August 1980 which killed 85 persons in Italy's worst post-war terrorist action.

Meanwhile, judges investigating the Bologna bombing freed "for lack of evidence" Prof. Claudio Mutti, a reputed ideologist of Third Position arrested last fall on charges of subversive activities.

He was the second top figure in the Bologna probe to be released after several months in jail. Prof. Aldo Semerari was released earlier this month after being interrogated in connection with the bombing and Third Position activities.

Police have yet to charge anyone for the actual planting of the bomb in the station.

Afghan rebels give Soviets tough time

NEW DELHI, April 29 (R) -Afghan rebel attacks continued in the southern city of Kandahar despite efforts by Soviet armour and troops to bring the city under control. Western diplomatic sources said here today.

A small petrol storage depot just outside the city was blown up by the rebels who also attacked a municipal building in the centre of Kandahar and got away with two dozen sub-machine guns, the sources said.

Rebels had also been active over the past two weeks in Logar Province south of Kabul and one source reported that 12 Afghan army tanks, two armoured personnel carriers and a mobile crane were destroyed in a rebel ambush on April 22, the sources said.

They said all main roads in Logar Province were reported closed on April 25 after another three Afghan armoured personnel

carriers were destroyed by rebels. The same day three units of the Afghan army were reported to have defected to the rebels on their way through Logar to Paktia

Province on the border with Pakistan. The number of men involved was not given.

Firebombs in Hamburg Western diplomats have said the Afghan army has been reduced from about 80,000 to about HAMBURG. April 29 (A.P.) -30,000 men by casualties and def-Flaming molotov cocktails hurled ections. The sources said no incidents

were reported in Kabul on Monday, the third anniversary of Marxist rule in Afghanistan, but the annual military parade was reported smaller than last year and there was no official mention of foreign guests as in the two previous vears. But the sources said heavy sec-

urity was in force for the anniversary, and two ruling party workers were reported killed in Kabul six days earlier on April 21. They said rebels also ambushed

six government buses in the city on April 25 and the vehicles were burned.

Afghan workers on the buses were told to walk home and 20 men identified as known party members were taken away by the rebels, the sources said. Their fate was not known.

PREQUALIFICATION INVITATION

The Ministry of Health of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan intends to put out for bid all its hospital general services, which includes housekeeping, catering, laundry and maintenance of building and grounds.

All qualified and experienced firms working in this field are invited to enter into the prequalification invitation.

All prequalification documents must reach this ministry before May 15, 1981. For further details please contact the head of the General Services Division of this ministry.

Ministry of Health

malists applied for the 80 press

seats available, court officials said. Queues for limited seats in the court's public galleries began forming in rain and cold last night. Some people had travelled the 320 kilometres from Yorkshire.

Sutcliffe, who has black, curly hair and a beard, wore a light grey suit and blue shirt as he was led into the glass-panelled dock in the high, oak-lined number one court.

He stood with his hands by his side and stared straight ahead. expressionless, as the 20 charges were read out. He answered loudly and clearly, but stumbled over words when pleading guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

Before he appeared, an array of exhibits was laid out on a table at the front of the court.

There were several ball-headed hammers, a claw hammer, a hacksaw, a long, thin, pointed kitchen knife, several carving knives, eight assorted screwdrivers, a short rope and a cream raffia handbag.

Sutcliffe's dark-haired wife Sonia, 30, whose father Bondan Szurma immigrated to England from Czechoslovakia in 1947, was in the court with her mother

Judge Sir Leslie Boreham, after hearing more than one hour of argument from chief prosecutor, Attornev General Sir Michael Havers, who wanted to accept Sutcliffe's plea of manslaughter. said it would be "more appropriate if the case was tried by a

The judge's ruling climaxed a 90-minute session that began when Sutcliffe pleaded innocent to the murders of 13 women slain in the north of England between 1975 and 1980.

As each murder count was put to him, Sutcliffe repeated in litany-like tones:

"Not guilty to murder, but guiity to manslaughter on grounds of diminished responsibility."

The judge expressed "grave anxieties whether or not these pleas should be accepted."

He said he did not doubt unanimous finding by psychiatrists on Sutcliffe's mental condition but said they were all based purely on what Sutcliffe had told doctors. "It seems to me it would be

more appropriate if this case was tried by a jury," said Judge Bor-

Both murder and manslaughter carry a maximum life sentence under British law, but minimum terms are at the judge's discretion. Attorney General Sir Michael Havers, leading the prosecution, had referred to findings of three psychiatrists who had examined Sutcliffe since his Jan. 2 arrest.

The judge ruled that the more than 80 British and foreign journalists on the court could not report prosecution's arguments on the grounds that this material

through the smashed windows of

two Social Democratic Party off-

ices and a land registry building

here today totally destroyed one

usand dollars damage, police said.

No-one was injured in the three

Witnesses had seen two persons

Pretoria admits making

enriched nuclear fuel

PRETORIA, April 29 (R) - South Africa is now producing its own

nuclear fuel, enriched uranium, which will in future be used to

operate its atomic research reactor Safari One, Minister for Mineral

He said the fuel would enable the production of radio isotopes for

medical use and would be subject to international inspection and

safeguards by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). South Africa had gone ahead with local production because it had

not been able, for international political reasons, to obtain nuclear

The production of radio isotopes for medical use was almost ent-

South Africa has always denied reports that it conducted a nuclear

Mr. de Clerk said South Africa's uranium enrichment corporation

This percentage was the minimum needed for the Safari One

Because of the limited amount of enriched uranium so far pro-

duced, the reactor would be operated provisionally at five meg-

reactor with regard to the so-called 235 isotope, he said.

had recently succeeded in producing a limited quantity of 45 per cent enriched uranium, which has been processed into fuel elements by

fuel for the reactor since 1976, the minister said in a statement.

and Atomic Affairs Frederik de Clerk announced today.

irely dependent on the Safari One reactor, he said.

test in september, 1979.

the atomic energy board.

awatts, a quarter of its normal capacity.

flee the area of one SPD office on

bicycles as the office exploded in

flames, police said.

office and caused several tho-

separate attacks, officials said.

Sands rejects Pope's plea for an end to hunger-strike

BELFAST, April 29 (R) - Jailed Irish guerrilla Bobby Sands today contained his hunger-strike -- now in its 60th day -- despite an intervention by a personal emissary of Pope John Paul, associates of

A spokesman for the committee coordinating support for Mr. Sands, who was elected to the British parliament in a recent Northern Ireland by-election, said: "The hunger-strike still goes on."

A British government spokesman confirmed there was no change in Mr. Sands' situation and said his condition continued to deteriorate. Mr. Sands' associates said he could die at any moment.

Last night Father John Magee, one of Pope John Paul's two private secretaries, spent an hour with Mr. Sands in the Maze prison hospital outside Belfast after flying from Rome with a plea from the Pope for

Father Magee was not available for comment today.

Red Brigades connect Cirillo kidnap to quake reconstruction

NAPLES, April 29 (R) - The Red Brigades were holding their latest kidnap victim today pending "trial" after a bloody commando operation in Naples aimed at exploiting the widespread bitterness in the earthquake-damaged city.

would influence potential jurors.

being Britain's most notorious

mass murderer of women could

now stretch for weeks, according

to court observers.

The trial of the man accused of

A major police hunt was underway to find the people's prison" where the Brigades are holding Mr. Ĉiro Cirillo, the prominent Neapolitan politician they snatched Monday night.

Up to 10 guerrillas kidnapped the 60-year-old Christian Democrat leader after clubbing him on the head and killing his two escorts.

The attack proved that the Brigades were not wiped out by recent arrests and that their attention was shifted to the poor south, where over 200,000 people are still homeless after last November's ear-

Mr. Cirillo appears to have been selected by the Brigades because he chairs the commission in charge of the rebuilding projects in the earthquake

The old, working-class centre of Naples was rendered almost uninhabitable by the quake and the Brigades said city authorities were "deporting" families to industrial suburbs.

Although Naples is now run by its first communist administration, the Brigades said the Christian Democrats were responsible for bringing the slavery of salaried labour' to the city and destroying its traditional artisan lifestyle.

The documents found last night, with a photograph of Mr. Cirillo with his hand bound and sitting in front of the Red Brigades' flag, listed the major firms seeking contracts to rebuild areas wrecked by the earthquake. No demands were made in the tract.

The alleged delays in restoring the buildings and fears that reconstruction contracts will fall into the hands of the powerful Neapolitan underworld have led to almost daily protests in the city.

The documents found today also referred to the earthquake commissioner, Mr. Giuseppe Zamberletti and Mr. Vincenzo Scotti, the government minister for Common Market affairs. Police did not immediately publish the contents.

The kidnappers first isolated the area where Mr. Cirillo lived by cutting telephone cables in a junction box, police said.

The van they used and later dumped was stolen recently but its plates were stolen two years ago. The Brigades, which killed former Prime Minister Aldo Moro in 1978, are not traditionally strong in Naples and the south.

But weakened in their northern strongholds by a series of arrests, they appear to have launched a campaign to try to exploit some of the popular discontent in Italy's poorest region. They said they were keeping to the "strategic

line" adopted last December when they kidnapped senior Roman Judge Giovanni D'Urso in a bid to gain concessions for their jailed comrades. In that month-long ordeal, recalling the kidnap

and eventual murder of statesman Aldo Moro in 1978 the Brigades forced the government to speed up closure of a top-security prison before freeing the judge unharmed.

Tax protest...

(Continued from page 1)

demographic presence, the obliteration of their identity and the disruption of their aspirations to independence and selfdetermination," the letter said.

The letter explained that Israeli Tax Department workers impose enormous fines on storeowners if they fail to pay the value added tax. If the merchant refused to pay the fines, they threaten to refer him to the Israeli courts, the letter

The letter noted that the Israeli supreme court has regarded the West Bank as outside the jurisdiction of Israeli laws but within that of Jordanian and intemational laws, which do not stipulate the payment of the value added tax. Nevertheless, the letter charged, the Israeli authorities continue illegal measures against small-scale commercial enterprises.

The Israeli military government takes advantage of the fact that owners of small businesses keep books as the big firms do, and imposes fines on these small enterprises according to whim, the letter said.

It added that the Israeli Customs Department in the military government had previously agreed that small merchants could pay an annual sum as a final solution for the problem of keeping books. The merchants honoured the deal but the military government did not, granting vast powers to its customs employees to assess and impose taxes on small businesses and workshops in Beit Sahour, Bethlehem and Ramallah, the letter said.

The letter added that an Israeli military court fined Al Bireh cooperative society for consumers on the pretext of its evasion of the value added tax. This unfair fine contradicts the Jordanian law in force in the occupied West Bank which exempts cooperati ieties from paying taxe: taxes are only a first step t imposing fines and pena the cooperative and ch societies which have provi ability to help citizens co the rising cost of living th

نَصِيْغُ Since last Sept. 12, stone in Hebron, Bethlehem an allah decided to stop work protest against the impos the value added tax on the 3,000 employees in this responsible for the liveli some 30,000 persons, the

The letter added that in upied Gaza Strip, merchal ged a strike on Sunday and a demonstration and a s front of the Gaza Munic They demanded that the take the keys of their she put them in the municipal unless the customs and added tax employees sto: tactics of violence, arrest, ti fiscation of goods and imp of high taxes--sometimes a. as 100,000 Israeli shekels

JD 3.450). The 800 Gaza merchan mitted a petition to the Gaz military governor demandi-release of 20 detained fellos chants. They explained in the ition the tactics used by Isra employees, such as opening and seizing the funds inside fiscating goods, threatening chants with arrest, and imfantastic taxes--sometime much as the total capital (victimised enterprise.

Furthermore, Israeli tax kers deny merchants the riappeal before the customs artment and the appeals mittee of the military govern the letter said. When appea allowed, the tax authorities ble the amount of the value a tax imposed on the mercharprevent others from resortiv the judiciary.

dialect 141 Used hem

142 Literary

negative 144 — Lanka 145 Chum 146 Hatchet

Clashes claim 6 lives in India

NEW DELHI, April 29 (A.P.) -Six people were reported killed in India, one between Marxists and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's party activists and the other between two groups of villagers, the United News of India (UNI) rep-

In the southernmost state of Yerala, ruled by a Communist-led coalition, two Gandhi followers. Mr. Radhakrishna Menon, 42, and Mr. Sankaran Kutty Menon. 45, were stabbed to death by Marxist workers, the report said.

The victims were waylaid and killed in suburban Cochin while returning home from work, the agency added.

In the northern Uttar Pradesh State, four people including an attorney were shot dead in an armed clash between two groups in Sagfor accepting the reduced pleas, ara village in Basti District, UNI

On hour later, several fir-

ebombs were thrown through ano-

ther SPD office, causing 3,000

marks (\$1,500) damage. Two

molotov cocktails were pitched

through the window of a land reg-

istry office, causing 10,000 marks

whether the attacks were con-

nected with similar incidents in the

city during the past two weeks fol-

lowing the death of jailed terrorist

Sigrid Debus after a hunger strike.

They said they did not know

(\$5,000) damage, police said.

THE Weekend Crossword

RANK AND FILE By Vincent L. Osborne			
ACROSS			
1 Fit	48 Remove	84 Casts off	125 Hunter
5 Ratten	editorially	87 Anecdotage	in the sky -
8 Party	49 Frost or	88 D-Day craft	126 Carouses
offering	Burns	89 Lithuani-	128 Disorder
11 Ricken-	50 Kipling	an's cousin	129 lambs
backer,	noveí	90 Baltic port	130 Nautical
for one	54 Ache	92 Compare	units
14 Quagmire	56 Greek	94 Clergyman	131 Corrida
20 Hearten	letter	96 — rule	combatant
22 Contraband	57 WWI river	97 Parts of	132 Works on
24 Tips off	58 Before lit.	syllogisms	a dolly
25 Bluegrass	or comp.	101 Tune	134 Alias
notables	59 Quantity:	102 Numerical	136 "— and the
27 Humming	abbr.	prefix	Swan"
bird's .	60 Catherine	104 Underway	138 Chafed
delight	the Great,	105 Criticize	142 Gridiron
28 Settled	et al.	107 Fermation	adjective
29 Munich's	66 — shoe-	of geese	145 Executive's
river	string	110 Scottish	confidante
30 Shout	67 Clairvoy-	iandowner	149 Member of
31 Pudding	ance	112 Cereal	а раугон
starch	69 Marabou	Grass	150 African
32 Fabricated	72 Banking	113 Flautist,	antelopes
34 Transport	abbr.	for one	151 Humbug
for Cleo	75 Rouse	115 Flogging,	152 Holds sway
37 And	78 Majestic	lor example	153 "Acid"
39 Wall Street	79 Soft or gum		154 Metaphys
acronym	80 East of	pref.	ical being
43 Mad	the Urals	123 Something	155 Old-age
46 Frozen	81 WKRP's	in a dump	assistance
treat	Anderson	124 Like some	letters
47 Blockheeds	82 One — kind	walls	156 Gest
DOWN			
	11 Field: Lat.	26 He discov-	45 Enforcer of
1 Places of security	12 Cousteau's	ared North	Robert's
28601111	15 20231000 9	0144 LIN D1	



Diagramless

1 Monster of myth 5 Treats metals 8 Large creaker 10 Sprint 14 Actually 17 Ripped 18 Fitzgerald 19 Show backer

ACROSS

22 Take to

23 Noun

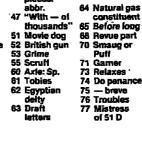


44 Of a clar

47 Stage

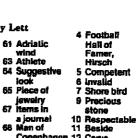
54 Breeze

19 X 19, by Jody Lett



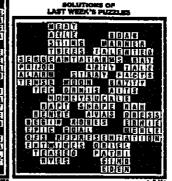
wind 63 Athlete

64 Sugger

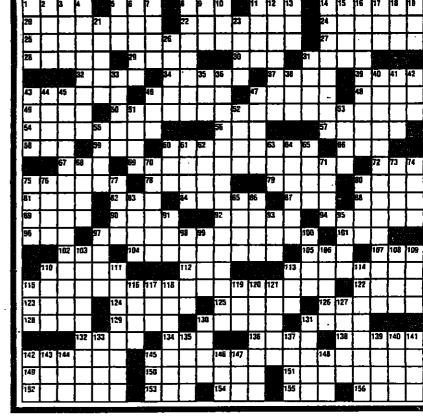


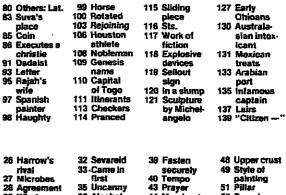






(formerly The New York Herald Tribune Crossword)





CRYPTOGRAMS

1. FITS WEDNOW TWING SUKKER XKERUYFL LJAR LJT UOY OAR NOKKUR LJDTUKX O KING ROARS KJEA

2. ZIJACKEL CKI AZCVIE UB PIJACKET DT YSJL "PCHI EJIL" XSJ XCHY YJ DOT LOVS HUV LAJYYIE VJCYL -By Reba De

3. 2J VTIGOBHE OH ENGATIV VTIGOHVY BY ZHY

GATIV. BY JHNYY NEGATIV? -By Barbara J. Rug 4. DSAN BIBLE-RIBLE INIHUUT RIND CUHAC SHORT-CHORT

"It is quite difficult to get blood out of a turnip," said the vegetarian m quito, "but I very much prefer fruit myself."

مكذا سدائص

Last Week's Cryptograms

Filly scratched by owner before race. Why didn't eraser? Poor potato eater ate pet, too.
 The abbey's fold felt fire and brimstone sermon to be mass hysteria.